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## Helping To Clean Up Pynchon Point

Pynchon Point was donated to the Town of Agawam in memory of Abe Leo Cohen by the Cohen family. Dorothy Nelsen, past chairperson of the Agawam Conservation Commission, worked closely with the Cohen family to make this acquisition possible.

This beautiful piece of property, located where the Westfield River meets the Connecticut River, has been owned by the Town of Agawam since 1977.

On the weekend of April 15th, the park was cleaned up by workers from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management, student volunteers from Western New England College, and members of the Agawam Conservation Commission. They had additional help from Thomas Russo, a local contractor.

The Boglisch Brothers of South West Street donated two new trees for the area.

The Agawam Conservation Commission would like to thank all these individuals. In addition, the Commission would like to make this property more accessible so that the residents of Agawam could use Pynchon Point as a recreational area for fishing and picnicking.

We hope the users of this park respect this piece of land by keeping it clean.



**THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PYNCHON POINT CLEAN-UP** on Saturday, April 15th: Western New England College volunteers Danielle Roy, Joanne Braica, Ann McCoy, Aaron Keene, Laura Hinojosa, Chris Sullivan, Mike Suckau, and Craig Nakashian; Holyoke Community College volunteers Janet Morales and Miguel Cabezuela; Michael Parker of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs; Fran Bouley, Joe Sarkis, Roberto Villanueva, and John Callahan of the Department of Environmental Management; and Fred Harpin of the Agawam Conservation Commission.

## An "Egg" citing Time At American Legion...



**ON SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH,** Wilson Thompson Post & Auxiliary Unit 185 held an Easter Egg Hunt. Children were divided into three age groups to hunt for eggs with the Easter Bunny and members of the Legion and Auxiliary. The children gathering the most eggs in each group received an additional prize in addition to the treats that were hidden in the eggs. The winners of the 1-3 age group were Christine Nieves and Jenny Teich (left photo); the 4-7 age group winners were Mikayla Miranda and Spenser Afonso (center photo); and the 8-12 age group winner was Kevin Afonso (right photo).



## Paul W. Fenn & Daniel G. Terlik Graduate From Mass. Firefighting Academy Program

Chief David Pisano of the Agawam Fire Department is pleased to announce the graduation of Paul W. Fenn and Daniel G. Terlik from the 134th Class of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy's 55-day Recruit Firefighting Program on April 14th.

This rigorous professional training provides our newest firefighters with the basic skills to effectively and safely perform their jobs. This program is offered, tuition-free, by the Massachusetts Fire Academy, a division of the Department of Fire Services.

Today's firefighters do far more than fight fires. They are the first ones called to respond to chemical and environmental emergencies ranging from the suspected presence of carbon monoxide to a gas leak. They may be called to rescue a child who has fallen through the ice or who has locked himself in a bathroom. They rescue people from stalled elevators and those who are trapped in vehicle accidents. They test and maintain their equipment, ranging from self-contained breathing apparatus to hydrants to hoses, power tools, and apparatus.

At the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, they learn all these skills and more from certified fire instructors who are also experienced

firefighters. Students learn all the basic skills they need to respond to fires and to contain and control them. They are also given training in public fire education, hazardous material incident mitigation, flammable liquids, stress management, water rescue procedures, confined space rescue techniques, and rappelling. The intensive, 11-week program for municipal firefighters involves classroom instruction, physical fitness training, firefighter skills training, and live firefighting practice.

### Basic Firefighter Skills

Students receive classroom training in all basic firefighter skills. They practice first under non-fire conditions and then during controlled fire conditions. To graduate, students must demonstrate proficiency in life safety, search and rescue, ladder operations, water supply, pump operation, and fire attack.

Fire attack operations range from mailbox fires to multiple-floor or multiple room, structural fires. Upon successful completion of the Recruit Program, all students have met national standards of National Fire Protection Association 1001 and are certified to the level of Firefighter I and II by the Massachusetts Fire Training Council.

## Senator Melconian Protects Assets Of Holocaust Survivors

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is proud to announce passage in the House and Senate of legislation eliminating from state tax all assets recovered from Swiss banks and looted from Jews during World War II.

Swiss banks are currently working out a reparation plan to repay \$1.25 billion in money and other assets that were stolen from Jews by the Nazis and then never returned to their rightful owners after the war.

"This bill is simple fairness," said Melconian. "You don't tax someone when their stolen property is returned to them."

House Bill 5086, termed "An Act Exempting from Income Taxation Certain Recovered Assets of Holocaust Survivors," exempts holocaust survivors from personal income tax on any recovered assets, and also exempts this additional money from counting toward income when figuring eligibility for programs like Medicaid.

Individuals are eligible for reparation money if they were targets of persecution by the Nazi regime or one of its agents and:

- had assets in a Swiss bank;
- have claims against a Swiss bank relating to looted assets;
- performed slave labor for companies that deposited revenue from that labor in Swiss entities;
- performed slave labor for a Swiss company; or...

• unsuccessfully sought entry into Switzerland to avoid Nazi persecution.

Additional information on the pursuing claims under the settlement can be found at <http://www.swissbankclaims.com>.

"The Massachusetts Senate is simply doing its own small part to recognize the heroism of Holocaust survivors," said Melconian.

The bill is currently awaiting approval by the Governor.

## Construction Scheduled To Commence Shortly On New Water Main In Town

The City of Agawam will be constructing a new 12-inch diameter water main along Main Street from Route 57 to the Connecticut state line to increase fire flows and improve water pressure and delivery in this area.

Construction is expected to begin in the next few weeks and to be completed by the spring of 2001. The water main will be installed in the edge of pavement and tree belt area.

The proposed water main will supplement the

existing water main except for the portion south of South Street, where the existing main will be abandoned. Individual homeowners will be notified in advance of any brief water shut-offs.

Traffic will be maintained in both directions throughout the duration of the project, but there will be delays. For areas with complicated traffic management or where construction may cause excessive delays, more information will be published at the time of those delays.

*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!*

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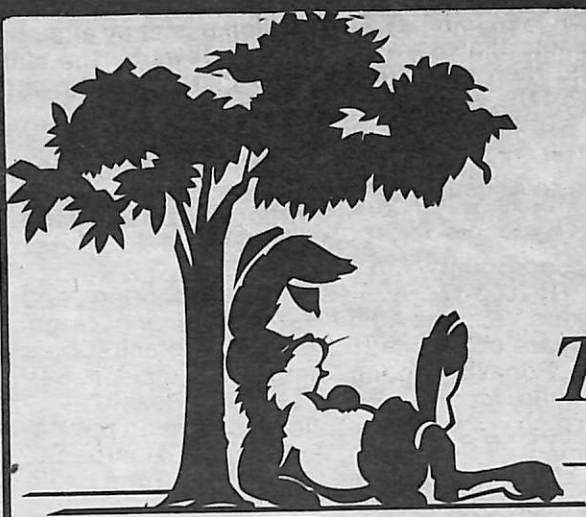
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## APRIL BEER SPECIALS

<b>Busch And Busch Light</b> (30-Pk. Cans) <b>\$12.99</b>	<b>Coors And Coors Light</b> (30-Pk. Cans) <b>\$16.99</b>	<b>Keystone Light</b> (30-Pk. Cans) <b>\$10.99</b>	<b>Heineken</b> (Case — 24 12-Oz. Btls.) <b>\$19.99</b>	<b>Miller Genuine Draft &amp; MGD Light</b> (Bar Btls.) <b>\$10.99</b>
<b>Labatt's</b> (12-Pk. Cans) <b>\$6.99</b>	<b>Harpoon</b> (12-Pk. Btls.) <b>\$9.99</b>	<b>Saranac</b> (12-Pk. Btls.) <b>\$8.99</b>	<b>Sierra Nevada Pale Ale</b> (12-Pk. Btls.) <b>\$11.99</b>	<b>Beck's &amp; Beck's Light</b> (12-Pk. Btls.) <b>\$10.99</b>

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## Letters To The Editor

### Anti-Smoking Activism Is Hurting Our Restaurants

To The Editor:  
To Mrs. Chiba:

So, you are a queen in YOUR EYES; I'm sure you are not in the eyes of many businesspeople in the town of Agawam.

The way you went about the smoking ban was NOT right. No, I am not a smoker, but if people want to smoke in my house, they are welcome to do so.

YOU are hurting many of the restaurants in this town. I know of at least two restaurants in this town that are talking about selling their homes and business, thanks to you.

There goes tax dollars. Soon, you will see BOARDED-UP storefronts. The Mayor worked hard to bring business into town; your mouth and pen are driving them out.

So, QUEENIE, I WOULDN'T wear that crown too proudly.

Always,  
Ernestine Book  
Agawam

### Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council Thanks Volunteers

To The Editor:

April 22nd was Girl Scout Leader's Day. On behalf of Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council, we would like to thank all of our volunteers for contributing so much time and effort to the Girl Scout movement. You truly make a difference in the lives of girls.

Without our volunteers, quite simply, Girl Scouts would not exist. Without our volunteer leaders, there would be no one to interact with our girls in Girl Scout troops and groups - to help them grow up strong and confident in their abilities, their values, their visions and goals, in their courage to act on their beliefs, and in their commitment to better their world - and have fun doing it!

Our volunteers come from all walks of life. They come from different professions, ethnic backgrounds, socioeconomic levels, from city and town, and from our rural areas. They are moms and dads, single people, working people, and retired people.

At Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council, there are more than 1,300 volunteers who work together to bring the best program possible to girls in the communities of Agawam, Belchertown, Chicopee,

East Longmeadow, Hampden, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Monson, Palmer, Springfield, Ware, West Springfield, and Wilbraham.

So, here's to you, our wonderful Girl Scout volunteers! Thank you, on behalf of more than 4,500 girls for doing one of the most important jobs in the world! You grow strong, girls grow strong, and our communities are stronger because of you.

Sincerely,  
Denise Vogel, President  
Jill Paul, Executive Director  
Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council, Inc.

### Vets' Agent Seeks Korean War Veterans For Parade

To The Editor:

Attention Korean War Veterans:

As you know, this is the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. The Commemoration Committee has designated the Department of Veteran Services of the Town of Agawam as a Commemorative Community.

We were awarded in recognition of our support for the 50th anniversary of the Korean War remembrances during the period of 2000-2003, and having agreed to develop three or more educational programs, commemorative activities, or events annually to honor Korean War veterans, their families (especially those who lost loved ones), and those who served on the home front.

As veterans' service director, I would personally like to extend an invitation to all Korean War veterans to march or ride in our Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29th.

I look forward to having you join us for the festivities.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at the Veterans' Office, (413) 786-0400, ext. 236.

Ed Kellogg  
Veterans' Services

### Agawam Residents Appreciate Support For Injured Son

To The Editor:

Our 12 year-old son was involved in a dirtbike accident along with another person on April 12th. They both were seriously injured and hospitalized.

I would like to take this time to thank the Agawam Police, Fire Dept., and EMT's for their quick response and their helpfulness. And I also want to give a special thanks to the West Springfield EMT's, who also had to arrive at the scene. It felt like it took forever, but they were quick and very helpful. THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all of our friends, neighbors, my son's teachers, coaches, his friends, and their parents for their support of prayers, concerns, phone calls, food, many cards, and gifts.

There are so many of you, we cannot thank you all enough.

Bob & Deb Pelley  
Agawam

## Regular Council Meeting Agenda

Agawam Middle School, 68 Main St.  
Monday, May 1st — 7:30 P.M.

1. Citizen's Speak Time.
2. Roll Call.
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Minutes - Executive Session of 1/21/2000; Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 4/18/2000.
5. Declaration from Council President.
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances.
  - (a) Resolutions
    1. TR-2000-16- A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept a Sanitary Sewer Easement on a Parcel of Land Owned by Anthony Fazio and Jane Fazio Which is Located on Garden St., Agawam, Hampden County, MA (Mayor).
    2. TR-2000-17- A Resolution Honoring and Thanking Veterans Agent Ruth Bitzas for her eighteen years of service to the area veterans (Coun. Bitzas, Bonavita, Young, Simpson, Magovern, Servis, Mineo, Morassi, Perry, Letellier, Rossi).
    3. TR-2000-18- A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Priscilla D. Peterson, 51 Monroe St., Agawam, MA to the Veterans Council to a Term Expiring April 1, 2002 (Mayor).
    4. TR-2000-19- A Resolution to Appoint Ruth C. Bitzas to the Veterans Council as an Honorary Member (Mayor).
7. Report of Council Committees.
  - None.
8. Elections.
  - None.
9. Public Hearings.
  - None.
10. Old Business
  - (a)
    1. TOR-2000-4-An Ordinance to Establish a Special Police Force in the Town of Agawam (Coun. Rossi)(Ref. to Ordin. Comm. on 4/18/2000) (1st Reading).
    2. TOR-2000-5-An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 36 entitled Smoking in Public Places (Coun. Morassi, Letellier, Rossi, Bonavita, Perry, Servis, Mineo, Young)(1st Reading).
    3. TOR-2000-6-An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 36 entitled Smoking in Public Places (Coun. Servis, Mineo, Perry)(Ref. to Ordin. Comm. on 4/18/2000) (1st Reading).
    4. TO-2000-36-Voucher List (\$252.90).
    5. TO-2000-37-Transfer-\$3,892 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Public Works-Wastewater Division-Overtime (22541-51030)(Mayor).
    6. TO-2000-38-Transfer-\$8,177 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Public Works-Water Division-Overtime (60141-51030)(Mayor).
    7. TO-2000-39-Transfer-\$15,000 from Reserve Fund (16605-57300) to Veterans Services-Veterans Benefits (16604-57100)(Mayor).

#### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 15, 2000 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Alfred Pajer for the proposed zone change. The proposal is to rezone approximately 8.5 acres of land at the corner of Suffield and Cooper Streets from Business A and Residence A-2 to all Business A.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council

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## A.R.E. Schedules General Meeting For May 4th At 2:30 P.M.

A.R.E., the organization for retired employees of the Town of Agawam, will hold a general meeting on May 4th at 2:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library Community Room.

The speakers will be Mayor Richard Cohen and State Representative Dan Keenan. This will afford the membership an opportunity to become better acquainted with our two guests and their positions on areas of concern to retired town employees, and for the speakers to gain some insight into our needs and concerns.

Following the two speakers, our new president, Jim Coon, will conduct a business meeting focusing on our goals and concerns for the year. Discussion will also be held regarding a fundraiser for the Ken Grady Scholarship.

Any retired employee of the town is welcome to attend this meeting, and we look forward to welcoming you. A.R.E. wants to improve your retirement benefits, but you must keep us informed of your needs.

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## Keenan: House To Provide Relief For Seniors' Drug Costs

State Representative Daniel Keenan voted to adopt a budget amendment that would establish an innovative catastrophic prescription drug insurance program that would help make life-saving medications available to all of the Commonwealth's senior citizens and certain disabled individuals.

The program, modeled after the Heinz plan to Overcome Prescription Drug Expenses, is an affordable and voluntary program designed to protect seniors and disabled individuals from potentially devastating out-of-pocket prescription drug costs.

This first-of-its-kind initiative, which passed with unanimous support of House members, provides comprehensive coverage to all disabled people under age 65 with incomes below 188 percent of the federal poverty level and to all people age 65 and over regardless of income.

Rep. Keenan noted, "This program shows that Massachusetts is yet again a pioneer in the area of quality health care for seniors and the disabled. The HOPE plan is unique in its scope because it exceeds the benefits that are offered under the current state Pharmacy Assistance Program and is more affordable than existing Medigap policies."

One ground-breaking aspect of this legislative initiative is that it extends coverage to middle-income seniors. Enrollees will contribute to the program in proportion to their income and all participants will receive protection against catastrophic prescription drug costs. The program takes into account an enrollee's income when determining the rates for monthly premiums and annual deductibles.

The Commonwealth will cover the cost of premiums and deductibles for those individuals with income below 188 percent of the federal poverty level, and all enrollees will pay reasonable co-payments.

The plan includes an annual out-of-pocket expenditure cap so that once a senior spends a modest amount in a combination of deductibles and co-pays, the plan covers 100 percent of all drug costs that year.

"By generating its own revenue, the plan helps pay for itself. This is an individualized and comprehensive program that will cover the annual prescription needs of each enrollee," stated Keenan.

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## Veterans' Corner...

# Some Information Regarding The Korean War Veterans' Register

by Edward Kellogg  
Veterans' Agent — 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

In keeping with the 50th anniversary of the Korean War (1950-1953), I would like to pass this information on about the Korean War Veterans' Register.

This is a free service to all veterans of the Korean War. They will list the personal information for anyone registering so that you can locate lost friends from the war and they can find you.

In order to do this, you must have access to the Internet. (Grandpa, have your grandchildren help you out!) Maybe after all this time it would be time to reunite with an old war buddy.

Take the time to reach out to an "old friend." I'm sure there will be a lot of stories that need to be told.

Here is the Web address: <http://www.tcsz.com/koreanwar/directory.html>. Gool luck.

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FUSICK, GARY M.

On Saturday, May 6th...

## Gala Dinner & Dance At The Oaks For Retired Veterans' Agent Ruth C. Bitzas

A gala Retirement Dinner & Dance is scheduled to be held Saturday, May 6 for Ruth Carr Bitzas, Agawam Veterans' Agent and Director of the Western Hampden District, who will be retiring on April 14th.

The event will be held at The Oaks, 1070 Suffolk St., Agawam as a tribute to this outstanding advocate for veterans the past 18 years.

Deadline for reservations is April 30th. A cocktail hour will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:15. The menu will include choice of prime rib of beef or baked filet of scrod. Cost is \$30 per person and tables of 10 are available.

Anyone who would like to speak at this event should contact Dianne Moreau at 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

However, if anyone would like to approach the podium and offer their best wishes or congratulations to Bitzas during this event, they do not have to contact Moreau ahead of time.

Reservation checks should be made payable to the Ruth Carr Bitzas Testimonial, and mailed to Dianne Moreau, Dept. of Veterans' Services, 36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001. Please indicate your entree choice when making reservations and the number of people.

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## — Agawam Obituaries —



**Christopher W. Hayes**

Christopher W. Hayes, 25, of Agawam, a former Pioneer Valley athlete, died Monday, April 17th, in a car accident in Providence, Rhode Island.

He played for Pioneer Valley soccer and basketball teams, and was a goalkeeper for a select soccer team that played in Belgium. He also played for Agawam AA baseball teams.

He was a food service manager for Darden Restaurants.

Born in Springfield, he was a 1993 graduate of Agawam High School, where he was an athlete.

He received an associate's degree from the Johnson & Wales Culinary Institute in 1997, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma. He also received a bachelor's degree in food service management there in February.

He was a communicant and former altar boy of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his father, William Hayes of Agawam; his mother and stepfather, Jackie and Barry Toussaint of East Granby, CT; a sister, Kim Hayes of Agawam; three stepbrothers, Jeff, Michael, and Steve Toussaint, all of Connecticut; a stepsister, Andrea Toussaint of Connecticut; his grandparents, Anna Hayes and Laura Bouley, both of Agawam; and a stepgrandmother, Eleanor Toussaint of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chris Hayes Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Johnson & Wales University, 8 Abbott Park Place, Providence, Rhode Island, 02903.

### Frederick G. King

Frederick G. King, 71, of 6 John's Court, Naples, Florida, died recently at home.

He was a retired meat cutter at the Agawam Public Market.

Born in Waterville, Maine, he graduated from Waterville High School and Coburn Preparatory School.

He was a 44-year Agawam resident before moving to Florida six years ago.

He summered in Maine.

He was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church, a 32nd-degree Mason, and a member of the Mount Orthodox Lodge of West Springfield.

He also belonged to the Melha Temple in Springfield, and was a past president of its military marching band.

He leaves his wife of 50 years, the former Betty L. Mellor; a son, Ronald of Bonita, Florida; two daughters, Helen "Peggy" Dole of Ludlow and Elizabeth Jarvis of Agawam; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Byron's Allen Street Funeral Home, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, both in Springfield.

A Masonic ritual was also held at the funeral home.

### Anna R. Palange

Anna R. "Nina" (Palumbo) Palange, 63, of West Springfield, died Friday, April 21st, at home.

She worked at the La Fiorentina Pastry Shop and the former Victoria Dress Co., both in Springfield, and was a cafeteria worker in the West Springfield public schools for several years.

She was the co-owner of V&F Auto Service & Parts, Inc., of Agawam, and the owner of the former Palange's Marketplace in Wilbraham until 1985.

Born in Castel San Giorgio, Italy, she moved to Springfield in 1948 and later settled in West Springfield.

She was a foster-mother for many years, a communicant of St. Anne's Church, a member of the Happy Times Sam's Camping Club, and a former member of Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 of the Camping Club of Springfield.

She leaves her husband, Vincent L. Palange; a son, Frank, and two daughters, JoAnn Paier and Annette DeMaio, all of West Springfield; five sisters, Domenica Galluzzo, Maria Nardi, Immacolata "Maggie" Galluzzo, Raffaella Nardi, and Vella Taddia, all of Springfield; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

The funeral was held at Tazzini Funeral Home of Springfield and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 393 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or the Arthritis Foundation, 29 Crafts Street, Newton, MA 02458.

### Walter K. Fogg

Walter K. Fogg, 92, of Kensington Street, Feeding Hills, died on Wednesday, April 19th.

He was a mechanic for Malone Knitting Co. of Springfield. He also was an inventor and had many of his inventions patented.

Born in Fall River, he attended the Springfield schools and lived in West Springfield before moving to the Agawam/Feeding Hills area 50 years ago.

He leaves his wife of 66 years, the former Barbara Chapin; two sons, James of Agawam and Walter Jr. of Westfield; a daughter, Carolyn Calabrese of West Springfield; a sister, Gladys Reilly of Brooklyn, New York; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 710 West 168 Street, New York, New York 10032.

### Eugene O. Smith

Eugene O. Smith, 80, of 10 Lowell Avenue, West Springfield, died recently in Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a retired 37-year steel cutter for Package Machinery Co. of East Longmeadow. He also was the president of its Athletic Association and a union officer.

Born in Agawam, he lived in West Springfield for 50 years.

He was a graduate of Agawam High School, where he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball.

He was a communicant of St. Ann's Church. He leaves his wife of 55 years, the former Emelie Holden; a son, Eugene W. of West Springfield; five daughters, Susan Banach of West Springfield, Cynthia Martin of Tekamah, Nebraska, Martha Blake of Chicopee, Loretta Corey of Millbury, and Janice Perez of Worcester; a brother, Malcolm of Agawam; two sisters, Shirley Killbride of the Indian Orchard section of Springfield, and Jeanette Steele of Connecticut; and 13 grandchildren.

The funeral was held at West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

## FireWise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano  
**How To Administer  
First Aid For Burns**

Burns are a type of injury that requires an immediate first aid response in order to minimize the damage. Unfortunately, over the years many "remedies" have been taught that actually make the burn injury more severe.

The Agawam Fire Department offers the following emergency first aid tips so that you will act properly in the event you witness an accidental burn injury.

- Stop the burning process! If the person is on fire, have them drop and roll. Wrap them in a rug or blanket, if available.

- Apply cool water to the burned area, cover the burn with a clean dry cloth, and get medical help immediately. Cooling a burn is essential because skin will continue to burn even after the fire is out or the heat source is removed. If not cooled immediately, the burn will penetrate deeper into the skin layers. The deeper the burn, the more serious it is ... the longer it takes to heal, the greater the chance of infection, the greater the need for surgery and the more painful the experience. Cool water should be used to remove the heat; however, don't cool too large a burn — shock may occur.

- If the burn is caused by a chemical spill or scald burn, flood the burn with cool water and remove the clothing.

- Never apply a greasy ointment such as petroleum jelly or butter to a burn. These ointments may hold heat in, making the burn more severe. Do not put ice directly on the skin, and don't pack a burn victim in ice.

A burn's seriousness is classified as first-, second-, and third-degree, depending on how deeply the skin has been damaged.

A first-degree burn appears red and sore, but not blistered. If cooled with water promptly, this burn should heal on its own.

A second-degree burn is blistered and painful. Do not break the blisters. They form a protective covering over the wound.

Third-degree is white, brown, or charred, and may appear painless at first. Because the victim may not feel pain, he or she may refuse treatment. Recognize the need for medical attention and get help.

Both second- and third-degree burns require medical attention. Cool the burn with water, cover with a clean cloth, and keep the victim quiet and warm until the rescue squad arrives. Call the rescue squad at 911.

DO NOT TREAT BURNS YOURSELF. You could cause an infection or lose the use of the burned area permanently. If you are burned seriously, ask to be taken to the nearest burn hospital or flown to such a facility.

Do not take burns lightly; complications can be fatal.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

## Income Level Increases For Fuel Assistance

The Agawam Council On Aging would like to announce the following increases in the income levels for fuel assistance:

Household Size	Income
1	\$16,480
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## Families

### Dennis Flynn Receives '2000 Founders Award' From Peter Pan

Peter Pan Motorcoach Operator and Agawam resident Dennis Flynn has been awarded the 2000 Founders Award.

This award is given to a Peter Pan employee in recognition of his outstanding accomplishment and performance, in memory of founder Peter C. Picknelly, Sr., who started the company 67 years ago.

This is their most prestigious award given of the 18 awards given out and has been presented to an individual each year since the company was founded back in 1933.

Peter Pan Bus Lines presented their 2000 Service Awards at a banquet recently held at the Sheraton Hotel in Springfield.

Peter Pan employs over 800 people and provides extensive intercity bus service throughout the northeast corridor, including Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. The company also operates nationwide charter and tour services.

### Feeding Hills Stop & Shop Slates Annual Jimmy Fund Tag Sale

The Feeding Hills Stop & Shop will be conducting its third annual Tag Sale on Saturday, May 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All proceeds from the rental space fee will be donated to the Jimmy Fund to help fight cancer in children.

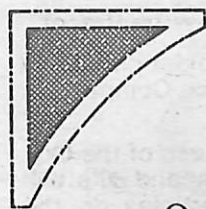
There are a limited amount of spaces still available. Please pick up an application at the service desk.

## UNICO Donates To Kamp For Kids



ON BEHALF OF KAMP FOR KIDS, Kamp Director Debby Clarke (second from the right) accepts a donation from Agawam UNICO at its April meeting at Alexander's Restaurant in Feeding Hills. At the meeting, Clarke (who has been with Kamp For Kids for over 10 years) gave a brief presentation on how the Kamp has helped many handicapped children in the community. Also, she announced this year that Kamp For Kids is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Pictured with Clarke are UNICO members (from left) Renso Frigo, Dennis Marchetto, and Joe Conte, Jr. (UNICO president).

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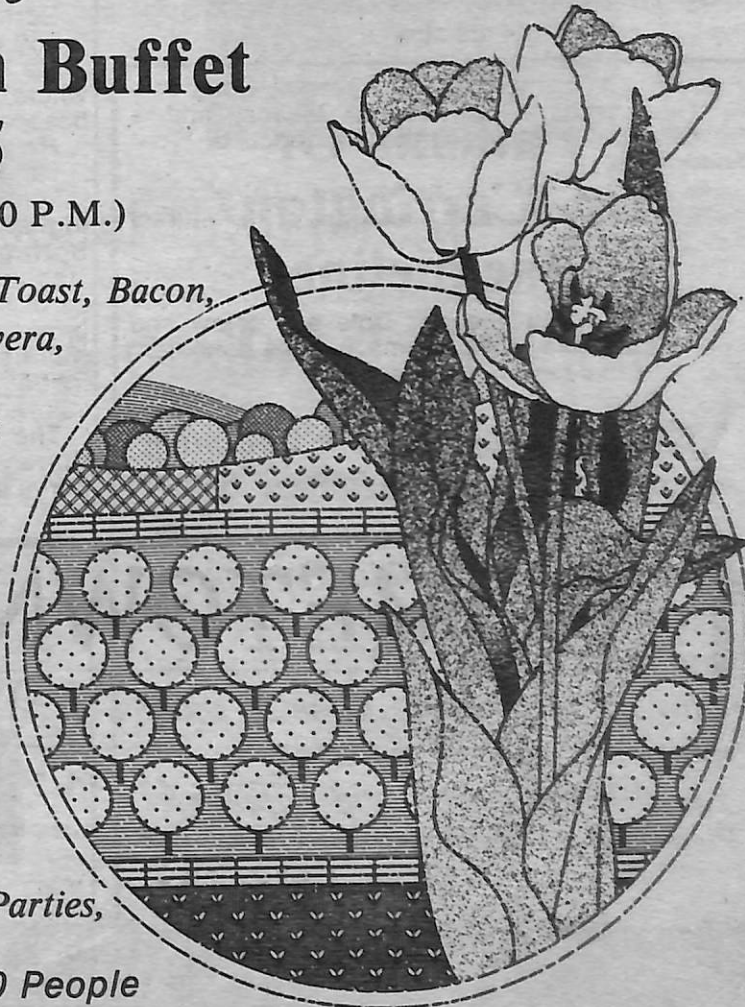
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On Wednesday, June 14th...

## Memory Lane Chorus To Perform Flag Day Concert At Senior Ctr.

The "Memory Lane Chorus" of the Agawam Senior Center will present a "Flag Day Concert" on Wednesday evening, June 14th at the Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. Admission will be free.

The program will present a collection of songs about the flag along with some poetry and pictures.

Chorus Director Darcy Davis has researched available music with about a dozen songs in the planning stages for the performance. Chorus member Rose Haynes will also add some poems and stories about the flag from her collection of materials on this subject.

Among the songs in preparation are "Thank Your Lucky Stars and Stripes," "You're A Grand Old Flag," "Old Glory," "Let's Bring New Glory To Old Glory," "Old Glory Goes Marching On," "Your Land And My Land," "There Are Many Flags From Many Lands," "This Is A Great Country," and "The Stars And Stripes Forever."

In addition, several songs of special local interest are being prepared, including one by a Feeding Hills resident from 1914 and another by an Agawam High School student in 1961.

### FLAG DAY, JUNE 14th

#### (Agawam High School Color Guard History)

In conjunction with the Flag Day Concert by the Memory Lane Chorus at the Senior Center on Flag Day, it can be noted that the Agawam High School Color Guard has done its part in helping to commemorate respect of the national colors in many of their appearances throughout the years.

The first All-Girl Color Guard was organized at the new high school in September 1955 with 11 members of the Senior and Junior Class. The group started with three flags (the American flag, the State flag, and the School flag), and four parade "mock" rifles. They made their own uniforms and wore white majorette boots. White cross-belts and white fur shakos were added later in that year.

The following girls were members of that first group: Fay Parker, Gay Reynolds, Mona Moretti, Jane Andrews, Agnes Mitchell, Rose Marie Daigneault, Barbara Marsian, Nancy Candido, Audrey LaCourse, Brenda Kerber, and Judy Warren.

The group received quite a bit of recognition by being selected to be on the Community Birthday Calendar sponsored by the Agawam Lions Club for 1956.

#### THE FLAG

##### Birth Of The Stars And Stripes

"We take the star from Heaven, the red from our Mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white

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For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

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## Patients Of Dr. Carrington/ Jacqueline Kennedy, F.N.P.

With deep regret, I am informing my patients I will no longer be affiliated with the practice of Internal Medical P.C. or Franklin Carrington.

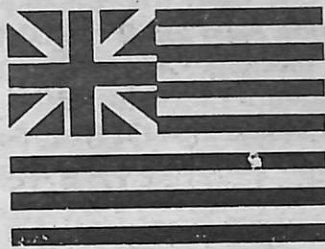
It was a privilege to administer to your medical needs and an honor that many of you trusted in me to share your more personal concerns.

I wish you health and happiness. Please know that I will miss you.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Kennedy, F.N.P.



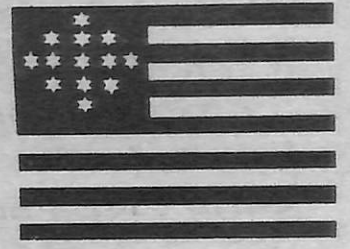
IN TOP PHOTO: The first All-Girl Color Guard, which was organized at the new Agawam High School in September 1955. The 11 members of this Color Guard were comprised of students from the junior and senior classes. IN PHOTO BELOW: Three early versions of our national flag.



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stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

George Washington

Nearly a year passed after the signing of the Declaration of Independence before anything was done relative to the establishment of a national flag. But on June 14, 1777, the American Congress, assembled at Philadelphia, adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the

union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

(Above excerpts from a 1927 booklet published by the John Hancock Life Insurance Company of Boston, Massachusetts.)

(In future weeks, additional pictures of the Color Guard during the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's will be presented, along with more articles on the history of the flag and note on the Flag Day Concert on June 14th at the Senior Center.)

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**Question:** Now that I am pregnant, is it safe to continue coloring my hair? Is there any danger in using cosmetics?

**Answer:** According to Kelly Shanahan, M.D., "There is no good evidence to suggest that coloring one's hair is dangerous in pregnancy and absolutely no evidence that cosmetics are harmful."

In talking to several OB/GYN doctors, I have found that most like to be cautious, as there are many changes going on inside a woman's body at this time. They suggest that hair coloring and artificial nails be put on hold until after the birth of the baby. If women still feel that they want to continue with hair coloring, it is recommended that they wait until after the first trimester.

Avoid store-bought products that are applied directly to the entire scalp. Professional coloring such as foiling or highlighting with a cap are probably better, as very little (if any) of the product comes in contact with the scalp.

The worst problem with any service or product in the first trimester is the odor. Odd smells usually can cause nausea. Stay in a well-ventilated area, even if the odors don't bother you. Personally, I feel that if you are satisfied with your doctor,

then you should follow his/her advice; they know you better than anyone, and their job is to care for you.

Being pregnant is a very special time in your life, and wanting to look your best when you're probably not feeling your best is important. Nutrition and exercise is the key. Walking and swimming are probably the best forms of exercise, but again, check with your doctor.

Try to keep your snacks healthy, and keep with three meals a day. This will help you from becoming stressed too easily. Stay low-calorie and high-protein and drink plenty of water. Eat from the food groups, such as vegetables, fruits, grains, dairy, meats, fish, and poultry.

You really do have time to eat well. Try whole wheat toast with peanut butter, tuna or turkey, grilled fish and tomato, grilled cheese and tomato, chef salad or cole slaw, whole wheat waffles or whole grain cereals, cottage cheese and fruit, yogurt and wheat crackers, and my favorite, apples and peanut butter!

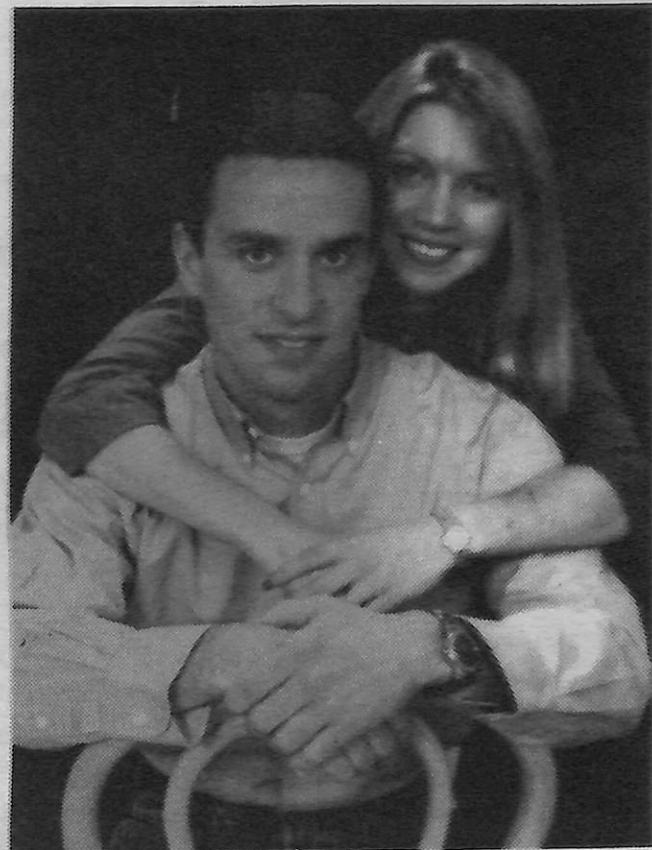
To keep the outside looking good, try a new haircut. You will probably need something easier now that your time will be taken up with your new addition. You could have a manicure without the polish.

Melissa has many clients that just like to have their nails buffed to a nice glossy shine. She also suggests to treat yourself to a pedicure, and again, you don't need to polish. The massage on those overworked feet and legs feels so good!

Jennifer and Carol suggest waxing a perfect brow to keep your eye area neat. And to keep your new haircut looking great, a trim every four to six weeks. To maintain healthy-looking hair, stop in and see Jennifer, our trained Paul Mitchell representative, for your personal hair care recipes.

**Thought for a smile:** Knitted booties and hat from grandma.

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SCOTT POLVERARI & JILL CEE ROBB

**Jill Cee Robb To Wed Scott Polverari**

Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Robb of Feeding Hills would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Cee Robb, to Mr. Scott Polverari.

Jill Cee graduated from Agawam High School in 1992. She graduated from Westfield State College in 1996 with a B.A. in Communications. She is currently the Production Coordinator for SAIL Magazine in Boston.

Scott graduated from Newtown High School, Newtown, Connecticut, in 1992. He graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1996 with a B.S. in Aeronautical Science. He is currently a corporate pilot for Key Air in Oxford, Connecticut.

An August 2000 wedding is planned.

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**CHRISTINE PRATT RECEIVES A GIFT** from Reverend Donald Morris, president of the Agawam Rotary, on behalf of the club for her upcoming trip to South Korea. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Local Photographer Addresses Agawam Rotary Meeting

Christine Pratt of Feeding Hills, a photographer and the owner of Dark Horse Photographics, a custom black and white photographic lab in Florence, Mass., was a recent guest speaker at the Agawam Rotary.

Born in Northampton, Christine began her professional career after graduating from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1985. She worked in a custom color lab for several years before opening Dark Horse in 1992, offering portraiture, restoration of old photos, film processing, and fine art printing.

Now entering its eighth year, the lab employs three people and has added photography classes for adults and children.

Christine's husband, Alan Roy, is a full-time farrier (horse-shoer). They live on two acres of land next to a state park with their four horses, two cats, and a dog. They enjoy traveling, horseback riding, gardening, and scuba diving. They have ridden horses in much of the U.S., including riding mules into the Grand Canyon!

Christine has also traveled outside the U.S. She spent six months backpacking in New Zealand and meeting its wonderful people. She looks forward to her upcoming trip to South Korea, and learning about its people, customs, and heritage, and, of course, making many new friends!

## Consignment Tickets For Six Flags Will Help Parish Cupboard

The Parish Cupboard in West Springfield has announced that consignment tickets for the new Six Flags New England will be sold through select churches in Agawam and West Springfield. The discount tickets, \$20.50 each, will be good any day that the park is open. A portion of the ticket price will support the services of the Parish Cupboard. Lower-priced youth tickets will also be available.

"Last year, we held a Fun Day at Riverside," explained Chip Arnold, chairperson of the Six Flags committee for the West Springfield Parish Association. "The opportunity to sell tickets all season long for the brand new Six Flags will give us a chance to get in on the excitement of their first season, and encourage people to think of others when they purchase their tickets."

At its April meeting, the West Springfield Parish and Interfaith Association agreed unanimously to sponsor the Six Flags project.

A list of participating churches, locations, and schedule of ticket sales will be forthcoming. An informational meeting for church volunteers will be held the first week in May.

Anyone desiring more information can call committee member Tina Latourelle, 733-9983, or Candy Boucher, Executive Director of the Parish Cupboard, 734-7969.

## "SashaSpeaks Seminars" Slated For May In Spfld.

"Working the Room Like A Pro" and "SpeakEasy" are the main subjects of a SashaSpeaks Seminar being offered on May 16th and May 23rd in Springfield.

Sasha ZeBryk is a nationally-acclaimed inspirational speaker, trainer, and personal coach. Her energizing messages bring joy and confidence to her audience and relieve the fear and anxiety most people experience when called upon to make a presentation or interact in social or business situations.

The seminar is offered in three parts and on two separate days. **SpeakEasy I**, from 12:00 noon-2:30 p.m. on May 16th and **SpeakEasy II**, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. on May 16th.

Attendance at **SpeakEasy I** is suggested for participation in **SpeakEasy II**. The location is the Springfield Enterprise Center (SEC), One Federal St., Springfield (next to STCC). The fee for one seminar is \$60, \$95 for two, and \$145 for all three.

Sasha ZeBryk is president of **SashaSpeaks Seminars**. Her seminars, training, and coaching programs are presented throughout the East and the Midwest. Her content-rich examples and personal stories leave audiences energized.

To register or for corporate group information, call SashaSpeaks at 413-821-0086. The same program will be offered in Hartford in October.



ROBERT BARBARINI & KIMBERLY ZIELINSKI

## Kimberly A. Zielinski Engaged To Wed Robert Barbarini

The Zielinski and Barbarini families of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Kimberly Ann and Robert Christopher.

Kimberly is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1993 graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where she received her bachelor's degree in communications. She earned her master's degree from Emerson College in Boston in 1998 and is currently employed by the Cambridge Public Schools as a speech-language pathologist.

Robert graduated from Agawam High School in 1986 and is a 1991 graduate of North Adams State College, North Adams, where he received his bachelor's degree in biology. He earned his second bachelor's degree in 1997 from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston. He is currently employed by Brooks Pharmacy as a staff pharmacist.

The couple is planning a September 2000 wedding.

## Heritage Woods To Host "Transitions" Program On May 2nd

On Tuesday, May 2nd at 2:30 p.m., Heritage Woods Assisted Living Community of Agawam will host "Transitions," a seminar offering information related to making life changes as people grow older.

This seminar is open to the public and is for elders or families of elders in the process of making a decision related to living arrangements. Seating is limited, so please call 786-9704 to reserve your place.

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## Agawam Junior Women's Club Schedules "Membership Tea" For Thursday, May 4th

Are you looking for a way to become more involved in your community? Are you interested in making new friends while you help others? The Agawam Junior Women's Club needs you.

We are an organization dedicated to providing support to our community in a wide variety of areas. Some of our projects include: our annual Arts & Crafts Festival for scholarships, Holiday Baskets for needy families, Pancake Breakfast with Santa & Mrs. Claus, Spelling Bee, Essay Contests, ushering at City Stage, and more.

Club social events include a monthly Fun Night (for members and a significant other). We also have family activities such as an Easter Party and an annual Family Cookout.

Monthly meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam.

If you are interested, join us at our Membership Tea on Thursday, May 4th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Room at the Agawam Public Library. Members will be available to answer questions and discuss club activities.

Come to see if this is the organization for you. If you are unable to attend and have questions, call Theresa Conklin at 786-6515.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, May 1st:** Pork cutlet with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, whole wheat bread, orange.

**Tuesday, May 2nd:** "Birthday Celebration" — Tortellini soup, meatball grinders, broccoli salad, birthday cake.

**Wednesday, May 3rd:** Chicken paprika pie, tossed salad, breadsticks, chocolate pudding.

**Thursday, May 4th:** Zucchini & tomato soup, hot dog on a roll, cucumber & tomato salad, pineapple chunks.

**Friday, May 5th:** Baked fish (lemon pepper), scalloped potatoes, Italian mixed vegetables, rye bread, peaches.

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## May Events For Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 1

**Thursday, May 4th:** Trip to Mohegan Casino (with dreams of winning).

**Friday, May 5th:** Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Wednesday, May 10th:** Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker - Richard McKean. Topic will be about the new Veterans' Cemetery.

**Monday, May 15th:** A special show, "OO-LA-LA PARIS," at Chez Josef at 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 24th:** Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with a Memorial Remembrance of members who passed away this past year.

**Wednesday, May 31st:** Trip to the North Shore Theater to see the popular operetta "The Student Prince."

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All Agawam seniors are welcome to join Chapter 1.

Call Helen Rogers, 786-3756, membership chairperson; call Ed Organek, 786-2453, for trips/reservations.

## Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2's Calendar For May

**Wednesday, May 3rd:** Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Senior Center. Memorial service for deceased members; foreign exchange students at Agawam High School.

**Monday, May 8th:** Bus trip to Mohegan Sun.

**Monday, May 15th, through Saturday, May 27th:** Trip to Canadian Rockies and Alaska.

**Wednesday, May 17th:** Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Senior Center. High school scholarship awards; entertainment by Kevin Paul, guitar player.

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Senior citizens living in Agawam are invited to join the Agawam Golden Age Club, Chapter 2.



### French Toast Breakfast At The Senior Center On April 30th

The "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center" will hold their second annual French Toast Breakfast on April 30th at the Agawam Senior Center. There will be continuous servings from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The menu will consist of French toast, sausage, orange juice, and coffee, milk, or tea. We will have an egg substitute for those who can't have eggs. "Friends" will be assisted by the Agawam Lions Club, who will do the cooking.

This promises to be an enjoyable morning with family and friends. We hope to see many of our friends and civic leaders come out for this event.

The tickets will be \$3 for adults, and \$1.50 for children under 10 years of age. Tickets may be purchased from any member of "Friends" or at the Senior Center.

### Operation Friendship To Present "Mystery Dinner" In May

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit youth cultural exchange program, will be presenting "Murder Most Criminal" on May 6th and 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Welcome aboard the Orient Express en route to Budapest, Hungary, from Paris, France. We must warn you, however, that there's a rumor running rampant among the passengers that some dangerous malfasants may be aboard.

Rumor has it that they've been invited to a murder. Rumor also has it that the famous inspector, Armand DuBois, has been challenged to solve this crime. Will he save the day? Or will there be a murder on the Orient Express? To find out how this story ends, purchase a ticket for the mystery dinner.

Tickets are \$16 and include the show and a full dinner. The menu for the evening is a choice of entree (roast beef, capon, or vegetarian ziti), tossed salad, baked potato, vegetable, bread and butter, dessert, and beverage.

Call 786-8743 or 786-9780 for reservations.

*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter ... AAN!!!*

On Saturday, May 13th...

## Agawam Jr. Women's Club To Sponsor Scholarship Raffle

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring a Scholarship Raffle on Saturday, May 13th at Geissler's from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

First prize is a photo session and 11x14 framed portrait at a sitting location of your choice for your entire family, provided by Creative Images Photography, a \$500 value. Second prize is a Basket of Memories valued at \$50, and third prize is a Memory Album Kit valued at \$50.

The drawing is Saturday, May 13th at 2:00 p.m. at Geissler's. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets may be obtained by mail (\$1 for a ticket or \$5 for a book of six) and your name will be entered in the drawing.

They may also be purchased from any club member. Entries by mail must be received before May 12th to be considered.

The proceeds of the raffle will benefit the Agawam Junior Women's Club Scholarship Fund, which helps Agawam High School students who are attending a two-, three-, or four-year college.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, Junior Membership.

## Loyalty Circle No. 356 Slates Annual Baked Macaroni Supper

Loyalty Circle No. 356, Daughters of Isabella, will have its annual Baked Macaroni Supper and Raffle on Wednesday, May 3rd, at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 63 Park Avenue, West Springfield.

Everyone is invited. There will be many door and raffle prizes, and the dinner is "all you can eat" for \$6 (adults) and \$2.50 (children).

The menu will consist of appetizers, baked macaroni with meat sauce, salad, dessert, and beverage.

For ticket reservations, call Grace Hughes, 782-6678; Mary Daigneault, 733-3803; or Janet Wysocki, 786-2041.

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# Church News

## Calendar Of News And Notes From Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins here at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon is entitled "Looking Ahead." The Bible reading is John 20:19-31. Ushers will be Perry & Rose McCobb. Rich Rozanski and Samantha Justilian will be our Acolytes.

The Social Hour will be hosted by Sue Strycharz and Chris Mangano. Children, who are welcome to worship with adults, will leave at a designated time for Sunday School. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

There will be a special offering on April 30th to help replenish the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The fund was depleted helping a family from Kosovo who found themselves disconnected from their sponsor.

If you are unable to be in church this Sunday, please feel free to make a contribution by mail or during the Offertory at a later date. Please mark all donations "Pastor's Discretionary Fund."

Please check the May issue of the church newsletter for information about a Special Meeting called by the Church Council to be held May 21st immediately following morning worship.

Your newsletter should arrive during the first week of May.

The Board of Christian Education would like to remind members of the presentation by Sue Dickerman on May 18th at 7:30 p.m. She will explain various lesson plans for Sunday School.

The Informer will have more details on this important opportunity.

Join Operation Friendship aboard the Orient Express en route to Budapest, Hungary, from Paris, France. We must warn you, however, that there's a rumor running rampant among the passengers that some dangerous malfasants may have been invited to a murder. Rumor also has it that the famous Inspector Armand DuBois has been challenged to stop this crime. Will he save the day, or will there be murder on the Orient Express?

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On the calendar:

**Friday, April 28th:** Play practice.

**Sunday, April 30th:** 10:00 a.m., Worship Service; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption; Play practice.

**Monday, May 1st:** 4:00 p.m., Daisy Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

**Tuesday, May 2nd:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Council.

**Wednesday, May 3rd:** 2:45 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Wedding Rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Choir.

**Thursday, May 4th:** 4:00 p.m., Wedding; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption and area youth leaders.

## Weekly News From Faith Bible Church

We are still holding a weekly women's Bible study on Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., with a different speaker each week. Nursery is provided.

A church tag/bake sale has been scheduled for May 12th and 13th to raise money for our building fund.

We have many items and are still gathering more for this event.

Good Friday evening was a wonderful and insightful time for all who attended.

Pastor Jasmin travelled back into time to the last week Jesus walked the Earth.

Our plans are still going for groundbreaking to enlarge our church to seat all who are coming out on Sunday mornings.

It's always wonderful to see new faces.

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT FAITH BIBLE CHURCH

**Sunday:** 9:00 to 10:15 a.m., 1st Service; 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, 2nd Service; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Coffee/Fellowship.

**Tuesday:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Women's Bible Study; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bible Study/Book of Revelation.

**Wednesday:** 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Prayer; 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Praise & Worship Service.

**Friday:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Youth Group.

**Saturday:** 7:00 to 8:00 a.m., Leadership Prayer & Meeting; 8:00 to 9:00 a.m., Open Prayer; 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Music Practice; 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., Outreach.

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR OLD PHOTOS:** If you've brought photos to our office for wedding announcements, scouting events, athletic teams, etc., we encourage you to pick them up during the month of April.

## Berkshire Power's

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**Church News - continued...****Activities And Events At First Baptist Church**

At First Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam, Rev. Barnes' sermon topic on Sunday, April 30th, will be "Oh Really?", and the scripture reading will be from Acts, chapter 5, verses 1-11.

Visitors are always welcome to our Sunday services. Child-care is available during worship.

An opportunity for fellowship and refreshments follows the worship service, and then Sunday School classes for all ages.

The Home Bible Study will be on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.

The Youth Group will meet at their regular time of 7:00 p.m. as they prepare for their Retreat at Treasure Valley from May 5th through May 7th.

The Youth are also planning a Car Wash on May 13th, and a Pancake Breakfast on May 14th.

Church office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and the office can be reached at 786-7300.

On Saturday, April 29th...

**Catholic Women's Club Of Agawam Is Ready For Tag Sale**

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold a tag sale this Saturday, April 29th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parking lot of St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street, Agawam.

The chairperson for this event is Joan Malinowski, president, assisted by her officers and board members. There will be various vendors and crafters, including a bake booth and rummage sale sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam.

A snack bar will be located on the premises for those shoppers who want to take a break in between browsing.

Look forward to seeing you there!

**Feast Of Divine Mercy At Immaculate Conception Church**

Immaculate Conception Church will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 30th at a special Mass.

The event will begin at 12:00 noon with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions, followed by the Blessing of the Divine Mercy picture and Mass.

All are welcome to attend.

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**Calendar From Ag. Congregational**

On April 30th, the Second Sunday of Easter, the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam) will hold its worship service at 10:30 a.m., with Church School at 9:00 a.m.

During the service, offerings for *One Great Hour of Sharing* (which the congregation has been preparing through Lent) will be presented and dedicated.

In place of the sermon, the Chancel Choir will sing "Rejoice, the Lord is King," a cantata by John Purifoy.

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Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Tuesday morning.

We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

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Mark your calendars! The Friendship Committee is sponsoring a Tag Sale on Saturday, May 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tables are \$10 each. Call 786-7111 to reserve yours today.

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On Sunday, May 7th, the congregation will have its annual Family Communion.

Children will remain upstairs during the service to receive the Lord's Supper with their family.

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For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

**Pot Roast Dinner At St. David's Episcopal Church**

St. David's Episcopal Church will be hosting a Pot Roast Dinner on Monday, May 1st at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The menu will include pot roast, oven roasted potatoes, vegetables, tossed salad, coffee, tea and juice, and bread pudding.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. These may be purchased in advance at St. David's or at the door. Due to a sellout on most of last year's dinners, we will be unable to hold unpaid reservations past 6:30 p.m. without prior arrangements.

Proceeds from this dinner will go towards the debt reduction of the new church building.

For more information, please call (413) 786-6133.

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**Parish News And Notes From St. John's Church****SUNDAY TO SUNDAY**

We will continue this program next week here at St. John's for all who would like to deepen their awareness of the Sunday readings ahead of time.

\* Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

\* Friday mornings at 9:10 - 9:45 a.m.

**ST. JOHN'S NEWSLETTER**

The Newsletter Committee is preparing for the next edition of the Parish Newsletter. Anyone who would like to submit an article is asked to call Donna Gregory at 786-7681 as soon as possible.

Names are still being accepted for a name for the newsletter.

We could use some creative ideas and reporters to prepare some special articles. We would love to hear from you.

Call Donna, see Fr. Howard, or leave your article at the parish office for the newsletter folder.

**AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB**

Meetings are held once a month on the second Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Members have formed a walking group which starts each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's Center.

**PLAN AHEAD**

The Parish Picnic will be held this year on August 27th. We are already preparing and looking for anyone who would like to participate.

We are looking for volunteers for the ever-popular "dunking booth," as well as chairs for the various activities.

There is room for you! Just call Mariann Green at 593-5764.

**OVER-60 CLUB**

There is still room for the Victorian Cape May Trip, June 12th-15th (four days/three nights, \$335).

If you would like to attend, call Barbara, 569-9830, or Lil, 786-9586.

**"LIFE — GOD'S DANCE"**

A retreat for separated, divorced, widowed, or never married individuals will take place at Mont Marie on Saturday, May 20th, until Sunday, May 21st. The cost is \$60 per person.

For a registration form or more information, call the Office of Family Life at 452-0824. Deadline for registration is May 15th.

**ST. JOHN'S GUILD**

The Annual Banquet will be held on May 2nd at Storowton. Reservations with Charlotte (786-8376) closed on April 27th (presstime).

The Guild Shoe Sale will be held on May 9th in the Parish Center from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. The public is invited.

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**The Right Kind Of Faith**

What kind of faith do you need to be forgiven of your sins and to obtain peace with God? The right kind of faith focuses on Jesus Christ. Here's what to do:

1. Admit your sinfulness and tell the Lord you want to turn from it. Jesus said, "Unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).
2. Believe that "Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day" (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).
3. Trust in Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord. Romans 10:9 says, "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

The time to trust in Christ, to make Him the object of your faith, is now. You can do it today by praying something like this:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner and that in my own strength I cannot do anything to please You or to earn eternal life. I believe that You love me and that You sent Your Son to die on the cross to pay the penalty for my sin. I now put my faith in You and trust completely in Jesus Christ to rescue me. I desire to turn away from my sin and to let You take control of my life. Amen.

If you prayed that prayer in all sincerity, you can say, "Now I have the right kind of faith!"

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## Reflections...

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## Biblical Faith...

Now, faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Faith is, and has always been, the basis of the Christian life. Some religions teach a life based upon other things than faith, but not Christianity. The Bible tells us pointedly that without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Since the earliest days of the Church, the exercising of faith has reaped real benefits to the faithful. On one occasion, as Peter and John were walking to the temple to pray, they encountered a beggar who was a lifelong cripple. Peter commanded the man to walk, which he immediately did. Needless to say, those who witnessed this miracle were astonished. But Peter said, "By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through Him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see."

We can sense from these statements that faith is more than wishful thinking; we can also determine that faith is something each of us who want to please God must have. Can we, though, really be sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see? How can we obtain and develop Biblical faith?

Fortunately for us, God never asks or requires more of us than we are capable of. If God requires us to have faith, the kind of Biblical faith described above, it is in fact possible for us to actually have it. The key is that Biblical faith is not something which is inherently human, that is to say, a natural human attribute.

Unlike human attributes such as love or hate, joy or sadness, Biblical faith is received by people from God. The Bible says, for it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

Some of the modern translations of the New Testament unfortunately have mistranslated certain key phrases of the Bible. They incorrectly refer to "faith in Jesus" when the original Greek speaks about the "faith of Jesus." The difference is significant.

With the incorrect translation, the idea conveyed is about *our* faith in Jesus; whereas the Bible properly speaks about the faith *of* Jesus, which has been, for lack of a better term, put into us. As Peter told the astonished crowd, "it is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through Him that has given complete healing."

## Nocturnal Adoration Soc. To Meet May 5th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Thomas Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, May 5th from 7:00-11:00 p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Everybody struggles with faith from time to time. Even Jesus' closest friends have trouble believing in Him, and expressed doubts repeatedly. Even though He had told them ahead of time that He would be killed, but would rise on the third day, they still doubted. On the evening of the first day of the week, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

The story goes on to explain that one of the disciples, Thomas, was not present for Jesus' first visit. He continued to express doubt, for which he earned the perpetual nickname "Doubting Thomas." However, since Jesus showed them (the others) His hands and His side, it seems reasonable that Thomas was no more doubting than the others.

If it was tough for Jesus' friends to believe in Him, isn't it harder for us? What can we do to obtain and develop Biblical faith? There are some simple things any of us can do.

The first thing any person who wants to be a person of God can do is to pray for faith. The Bible says that every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. We can trust that God wants to give us the faith of Jesus, because it is obviously a good and perfect gift, and also because He chose to give us birth through the word of truth.

The second thing we must do is repent. We often think that repentance means changing our behavior, but it doesn't. To repent means to come to one's right mind, or to sound thinking. God wants us to believe in Him, and has given us good and solid reasons to believe in Him.

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

The third thing we should do is obey God. The Bible says that everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God. But Biblical faith is not an empty philosophy; it changes us and shows up in our daily living.

This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone who is born of God overcomes the world.

## Mtgs. To "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" At Christ Church, Swk.

Come and join the fun and lose weight, too. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is hosting a free meeting and seeking new members interested in losing weight and keeping it off.

If you want to lose weight and make new friends who are in the same boat, come and join us for a free meeting. Meetings are held every Wednesday night at Christ Church United Methodist, 222 College Highway, Southwick.

Weigh in from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., with meeting to start sharply at 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Come try a free meeting. If you like what you see, it is only \$1 per week to have fun and lose weight. To join for a year is only \$20, which includes our TOPS magazine mailed to your house throughout the year.

So, you have nothing to lose, but unwanted weight! For further information, call Deidre at 572-3092 or Pat at 786-4122. Hope to see you!

## Tag Sale On Sat., May 6th, At Agawam Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, will hold a Tag Sale on Saturday, May 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

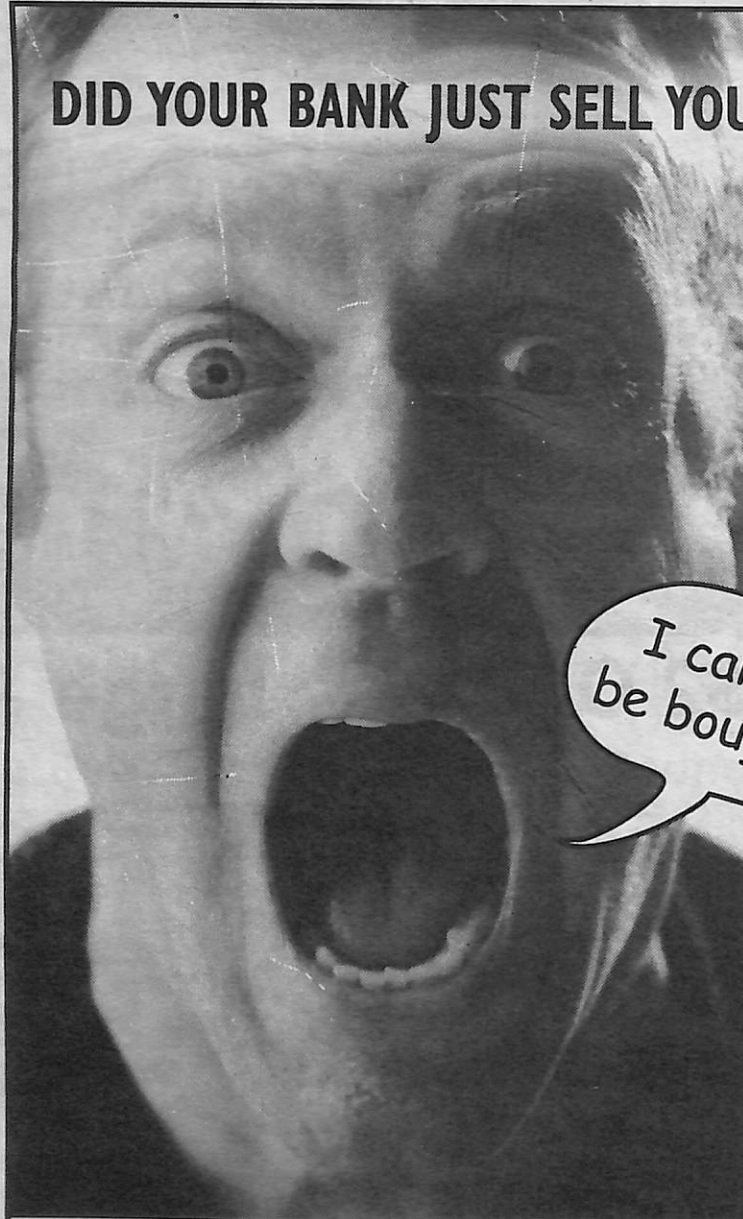
This "Tag Sale" will be held inside and be open to church committees, private use by the congregation, and also be opened up to the public.

The event will be sponsored by the Friendship Committee and the charge for one table is \$10.

If you wish to reserve a table, please contact the office at 786-7111. Payment in advance would be appreciated.

Please make checks payable to the Agawam Congregational Church.

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### Keenan & Molta Appoints Full-Time Admin. Assistants

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Balch is a Licensed Real Estate Agent and Doran is a Broker with the Mass. Board of Registration. Together, they have a combination of 25 years of real estate experience.

They are also members of the Greater Springfield Assoc. of Realtors, Massachusetts Assoc. of Realtors, and the National Assoc. of Realtors.

## Country Estates Sets High Standards

In an era of heightened concern over the quality of care provided in the nation's nursing homes, Country Estates is setting an industry-wide example through its program of measuring, strengthening, and upholding high standards of care in its facilities.

As a member of the Aurum Network, a state-wide consortium of more than 60 independently owned skilled-nursing and extended-care facilities, Country Estates recently took part in a Patient Satisfaction Survey. The results show an impressive 92 percent overall approval rating for Aurum member facilities from patients and family members.

According to William Sibley, Executive Director of Country Estates, "We have learned from this survey experience that we are doing a fine job of providing real, caring homes for our patients and residents." Sibley was particularly gratified with the praise the facility received for the high quality of its staff and the outstanding programs provided to residents.

The Aurum survey tool was developed for the Healthcare Association of Michigan by an independent research firm. It was used to measure the quality of Michigan's skilled nursing care in a survey conducted in 1998.

Aurum Network members used the same survey tool. It was designed to measure six principal factors. The factors were: quality of care provided by staff, including attention to patient dignity and privacy; physician staff communication with patients and family members; quality of overall environment (i.e., cleanliness, appearance, ambience); quality of food and meal service; availability and quality of activities for residents; and whether patients and their families would recommend the facility they used. The survey questionnaire was mailed to 4,500 inpatients and families at Aurum facilities. The response rate was over 50 percent, much higher than the national average for consumer surveys of this type. Dr. Larry Finison of SigmaWorks and a faculty member of Tufts Medical School completed the Aurum analysis.

At the conclusion of the survey, each respondent was given an opportunity to comment about

staff and other quality-of-care factors. Here, too, many Country Estates employees were singled out for their competence, caring, skill, knowledge, and dedication to patient welfare.

Among the many comments taken directly from the survey was one from a family member of a resident of Country Estates who commented on "the high standards of staff, care, facility appearance, and operations."

Pointing to such a high patient-satisfaction rating as both a validation and a challenge, Aurum's chief executive officer, Kathryn A. Melendy, said, "First, this critical survey project has confirmed that our members provide patient care of a very high quality and it is encouraging to be able to validate that fact."

Much more important, however, is the challenge we have now been given to improve the quality of our care and services in some very specific areas," added Melendy.

At a time when there is so much negative news about the nursing home industry in general, Country Estates of Agawam has a positive story to tell. It is a story about the high quality of care and services delivered in their facilities by many dedicated individuals who are doing an outstanding job of serving the needs of patients.

"We are excited about this performance-assessment process, not only because it helps us to identify critical service-improvement goals, but also because it helps to validate and confirm our gold standard of care," noted Sibley. "We are proud of the work we do in caring for many of the most vulnerable members of our society," he added.

Established in 1997, the Aurum Network is a consortium of more than 60 independently owned and operated, community-based, Massachusetts long-term care, adult day care, and home healthcare facilities, assisted-living residences and retirement communities. All members of the Aurum Network share a firm commitment to care and services of the highest quality.

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### How To Change Your (413) 748-7565 lief System...

Negativity is the major stumbling block when it comes to change ... each of us has the choice to think and act either with a positive or negative attitude. If you choose the negative, it's because you've been conditioned to think that way ... it's simply a bad habit. **You must change your thinking to win over your current reflex.**

**Reassess all your long-standing beliefs ...** especially those about yourself. Often you will find that the basis for a belief doesn't stand up under scrutiny.

**Monitor your self-talk for one full day ...** write down everything you tell yourself about that day's events ... you'll be amazed at the extent you have been conditioned to see things in a negative (and unproductive) way! **You must make your self-talk all positive.**

**Make a list of your assets and liabilities ...** am I healthy? ... do I earn a reasonable income? ... do I have valuable skills? Realize that you have many assets that you take for granted every day ... your eyes, your ears, your hands, your feet, a brain, and more. If you look at everything objectively, there is absolutely no way that your liability list would be longer than your asset list.

#### REPROGRAM YOURSELF

The only way to reprogram your mind for success is to change what has been entered in your memory files. Take the time to find a nice, quiet place and repeat to yourself the specific change you want to make in your life. Next, imagine yourself living this change ... and having it become a normal part of your life.

An important factor in success is challenging goals. A goal that you are firmly committed to embeds itself into your subconscious, forcing you to stay on course until you reach your target.

Look at the areas of your life that you want to improve ... and then write down your specific goals.

Refer back to your list every day to set your priorities.

Write a daily "to do" list of all activities that will further your goals.

Always remember that it's your choice on how you elect to live your life.

*Raymond Rose is a resident of Agawam, and the Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, a professional real estate and financial services firm serving home buyers and sellers throughout the area. Comments and questions can be directed to his office (731-6800) or his e-mail (RaymondRose@aol.com). Also, contact him via e-mail to receive his FREE online newsletter, THE PIONEER REPORT - Online. It's filled with enjoyable and informative info helping to "keep life simple." Thanks!*



### Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

by Sue & Charlie Alvanos  
Personal Financial Advisors  
American Express  
534-3883

### Municipal Bonds' Tax Advantage Is Often Overlooked... (Part II Or II)

**Q. In what form are municipal bonds issued?**

**A.** Individual municipal bonds are generally sold in \$5,000 units, with maturity ranging from one month to 30 years. If you invest in individual issues, it's prudent to diversify your muni bond portfolio among several issues in different geographic regions. That means your minimum initial investment could be several thousand dollars.

You can also buy munis through a tax-exempt municipal bond mutual fund. With a fund, you'll likely enjoy lower investment minimums and diversification across an entire pool of bonds, professional management, and easy liquidity. To take advantage of triple tax exemption, buy shares of a bond fund that invests only in issues exempt from state and local taxes within your state of residence. (Certain income may be sub-

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## Karen Charbonneau Joins Agawam Office Of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates

Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates welcomes a new agent to its Agawam office. Karen Charbonneau is the newest addition to Keenan & Molta's award-winning staff.

"We're happy to welcome Karen to our team," said Bob Molta, President of Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates. Charbonneau joins a group of 75 Realtors working in five offices located throughout Western Massachusetts.

Karen Charbonneau has several years of real estate experience and is a long-time resident of Western Massachusetts, so she knows the local market. She's looking forward to meeting new clients and continuing to serve her established list of real estate contacts.

Charbonneau is a member of the West Spr-

ingfield Rotary and The Women's Partnership of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. She volunteers her time to help children and to assist college students in launching their careers.

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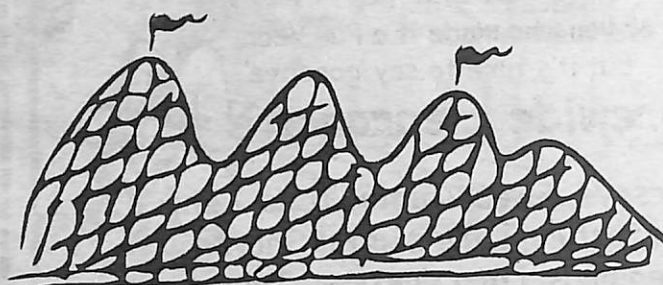
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All proceeds from the sale of the Opening Day VIP tickets will benefit the building of a new Skateboard Park in the Town of Agawam.

Group tickets can be purchased by calling Chris Sparks, Director of Parks & Recreation at (413) 821-0513.

Come and enjoy the Six Flags Grand Opening festivities and support the building of a new Skateboard Park for the Town of Agawam.



**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Legal  
Memo**

by  
**Alan L. Ferrigno, Esq.**  
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**Tort  
Fraud & Deceit - Home Sale  
Water In Basement**

Where a defendant seller of a house, in his dealings with the plaintiff purchaser, made material misrepresentations relating to the problem of water in the basement, the defendant must be held liable to the plaintiff for the tort of fraud and deceit.

"The defendant deliberately misrepresented that the home in question was not susceptible to significant flooding in the basement during heavy rain storms. This misrepresentation was made not simply of the omission of any reference to flooding on a regular basis in the attachment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement or during the home inspection, ... but rather as a result of the defendant's affirmative statements, to the Home Inspector during the home inspection, that were incomplete and in the context highly misleading. When asked by the Home Inspector if there was a 'water problem' in the basement, the defendant replied by referring exclusively to one incident involving burst pipes in the heating system. The defendant made no reference to the numerous times over the more than 30 years in which he owned the home that there had been basement flooding as a result of heavy rains. The earlier statement by the defendant that water entered the

basement through the bulkhead was not equivalent to a disclosure that the basement flooded during heavy rain storms. The water problems in the basement that were experienced by the plaintiff went far beyond a problem of water coming in through the bulkhead. In fact, the water problems experienced by the plaintiff after she purchased the home did not involve water leaking in through the bulkhead. 'Although there may be no duty imposed upon one party to a transaction to speak for the information of the other ... if he does speak with reference to a given point of information, voluntarily or at the other's request, he is bound to speak honestly and to divulge all material facts bearing upon the point that lie within his knowledge. Fragmentary information may be as misleading ... as active misrepresentation, and half-truths may be as actionable as whole lies.'

"The defendant's failure to mention anything about basement flooding when it rained took on added significance in this case because of the presence of the sump pump and the sump pump pits. The information put the Home Inspector on notice that there could be a water problem. However, the defendant's further statement that the sump pump was 'precautionary only,' was a further misrepresentation and served only to enhance the deceitful quality of his other reply.

"In terms of the damages, the plaintiff is entitled to all damages she suffered as a proximate result of the defendant's unlawful conduct including all out of pocket expenses," the Court said. The plaintiff was awarded damages in the amount of \$25,000.00 together with interest and costs.

**Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.**

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**ALVANOS - from Page 17...**

ject to the alternative minimum tax or state and local taxes.)

**Q. Are munis right for me?**

A. Municipal bonds may provide steady income and diversification to your portfolio, but you'll probably want to consider them only if your tax rate is high enough to make them a better deal than taxable bonds.

For example, assume you are in a 36 percent federal tax bracket, have \$30,000 to invest, and are comparing a tax-exempt bond yielding six percent and a taxable corporate bond yielding eight percent. If you buy the municipal bond, you would earn \$1,800 annually in interest, a six percent yield, and pay no federal taxes.

The eight percent taxable bond investment, however, would provide you only \$1,536 in income after \$864 in federal income taxes have been deducted — a 5.1 percent after-tax yield. The muni bond would be an even better investment if you accounted for state and local income taxes when calculating returns on the taxable investment.

**Q. Where can I obtain municipal bonds or a bond fund?**

A. Investment firms, mutual fund companies, online brokerages, and other outlets offer access to tax-exempt bonds and funds. Discuss your tax situation with a knowledgeable tax attorney. For guidance on selecting appropriate tax-exempt investments, talk with your financial advisor.

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# For Your Health



## "Let's Talk About It"

by Dan Pender  
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### Getting Off The Ride

There are times when I just feel like *getting off the ride*. Life tends to have me on a pace that just doesn't seem to let up! And sometimes, I want off! But the ride doesn't stop right away or even after I've yelled to get off. The ride is on a track with a beginning and an end or it has a timer that determines its length.

Sometimes, I just wish the operator would take their foot off the emergency foot lever and switch the master key to off. Then, the ride would have to stop, even if somewhere in the middle.

As we approach the onset of the new mega-amusement park re-opening in our backyard, I'd like to take a moment with you to reflect on the implications of this park with its fast-paced thrill rides being a metaphor for life and today's relationships.

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For some of you this metaphor won't work because you choose to stay as far away as possible from this type of entertainment. Others of you would rather remember the glory days of how it used to be. And for good reason! There was much to be proud of about both the park and our town.

You may, however, choose to stroll the new cobblestone walkway and hop a ride on the historic carousel or go on one of the new coasters or get cooled off in the water park. Or you may prefer to only read or talk about what's going on up the road that is attracting all the extra traffic in town. For others of you, the hope for a quick sale of your house on Main Street or River Road would be your best solution.

Whether we like it or not, this park represents today and the future. It has all but removed any remnant of its past glory days. The park today seems only to hold onto anything "original" simply as a way of waiting for new design plans to unceremoniously bid farewell to the outdated.

The amusement parks of today have transformed the 'old' into the "NEW." They come into a town and tear down nearly everything piece by piece to make room for progress. Well, I don't think this is necessarily progress!

I love a thrill just as much as the next person. I even frequent this park occasionally. But what this park represents to me is radical change disregarding the important nature of relationships.

The *easier discussions* around town focus on both sides of the issue regarding whether this park, like a certain power plant, are or are not "good" neighbors. From my perspective, any change, however progressive and 'good' for a community or person(s), needs the *more difficult discussion* around how to help make healthy relational transitions that sustain real, not cosmetic, change.

Transitions require hard work and a pace that works, especially in interpersonal relationships. Like the preference for a good thrill ride, some people will simply *opt-out* of participating in this slower (older) version of how to build authentic relationships. They want the quick fix!

What exists today with this quick fix kind-of-pace is greater stress on personal and family relationships. Is the solution to simply gut the old way and structures and pour in a ton-of-money to quickly reconstruct a new and better way of doing things?

I don't see it working. More and more families are divorcing, couples are opting-out in greater numbers from getting married, choosing instead to simply live together until - "whenever!" Children and spouses are increasingly abused and/or neglected. Teens are opting-in on the drug scene as a way of trying to cope and/or escape.

Adults are too busy, scared themselves, or perhaps "clueless" about what's going on today. What is left for many of these kinds of adults are simply their memories of past relationships and how good things used to be, as well as a very uncertain future.

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One way today's person deals with how relationships are changing is to simply hire a group to come in (or get into revolving relationships) to put a "New Look" on things. They just keep reinventing themselves to produce the latest thrill. My guess is that this may work over the short term, but it wouldn't work over the long haul.

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## Your Back And Your Health

by Dr. Joseph  
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Agawam

### Shoulder, Arm, And Hand Problems...

When your shoulder, arm, or hand is painful, stiff, or does not function properly, you quickly realize how much you depend on the flexibility and mobility of this extremity for normal activities.

The brain "talks" to the rest of the body through a vast telecommunications system made up of nerves. Nerves come out of the brain in a large bundle called the spinal cord; travel down our backs inside the spinal column; and exit at different levels.

Some exit from the neck to go to our throat or heart, while others exit in our lower back to go to our legs, adrenals, bladder, or other organs. Some nerves go straight to their point of destination, but some first mix with others to form complicated nerve networks called a plexus.

We have a number of these nerve plexuses in our body: the cervical plexus on each side of our neck; the brachial plexus near our shoulders; the solar plexus near our stomach; and many, many

others both large and small.

The brachial plexus is made up of nerves which come out of the middle and lower neck and upper back. After they interconnect to form the brachial plexus, they branch off to supply different areas, especially the shoulder, arms, elbows, wrists, hands, and fingers.

The most common form of brachial plexus problem occurs as the nerves exit from between the spinal vertebrae. If the openings become smaller, the nerves may become compressed (commonly called "pinched.")

The causes of this pinching can be many: old injuries from childhood; new injuries from sports mishaps; car accidents (especially whiplash); arthritis; improper sleeping posture; and even chronic emotional stress.

The result may be neck pain or stiffness (radiating pain to the shoulder, elbow, arm, wrist, hand, and fingers), as well as numbness ("pins and needles"), muscle weakness, or spasm.

The chiropractic examination determines the underlying cause for the symptoms and relieves nerve stress and permits the spine, as well as the rest of the body, to function more normally.

Your chiropractic evaluation includes a history, physical exam, x-rays, and special tests as needed. Consultation or referral to another specialist will be recommended, if necessary.

The doctor of chiropractic may recommend specific exercises to restore your shoulder's health and keep it working well.

**If you suffer with shoulder, arm, or hand problems, our office at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, may provide the answer — 789-1369.**

## Breast Cancer Support Group To Meet On May 2nd & 16th At Mercy Hospital In Spfld.

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will now meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month, in the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew St. The next sessions are May 2nd and May 16th.

The group is open to women who have been

diagnosed with breast cancer or who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.

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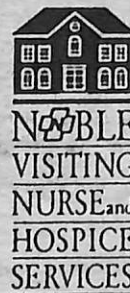
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**For Your Health - continued...**

**Chiropractic Care**  
by  
**Dr. Tami Nelson**  
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### How To Prevent Back Problems While You're On Vacation...

After sleeping in a hotel bed for two days, I was reminded how uncomfortable some of those mattresses can be. Compound that with sleeping with a two year-old ... OUCH! My tired, aching back!

So, what do you do when you're on vacation, sleeping in a not-like-home bed?

1) **STRETCH.** Do some gentle stretches before getting into bed and when you first get up. This will help stretch the tight muscles and keep them flexible.

2) Try to be active throughout the day. Walk as much as possible to keep the joints flexible and mobile.

3) If there is a pool, a nice swim before retiring can help. Also, many hotels have exercise rooms. A gentle work-out may help. Be careful not to lift too much; since your muscles are sore and achy, too much exercise can result in a spasm.

4) Take advantage of the whirlpools, spas, and saunas that are available. These are wonderful, soothing therapies that can help relax the muscles.

5) If your muscle is in spasm, apply ice to the region for five to 10 minutes to help pump the inflammation.

6) Have your partner massage your aching back with a soothing cream. The payback — you owe them double!

To prevent problems from happening, you could always go to a first-rate hotel that has good, quality beds, massage therapists on staff, and great childcare programs available. This may be good for the back, but may break the bank. Considering my back after last weekend, it may be worth it!

**Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4820.**

### May 2nd Program On Aromatherapy At The Agawam Library

Instructor/lecturer Marlene B. Aulten, certified aromatherapist, will be giving a stimulating program which will focus on the basics of aromatherapy, and how to incorporate it into our daily lives, at the Agawam Public Library on Tuesday, May 2nd, from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.

In 1997, Aulten founded Earthly Essences, LLC, a Killington, Connecticut-based company that manufactures, retails, and wholesales hand-blended, therapeutic aromatherapy products. She has taught and given lectures at the Connecticut Institute for Massage Therapy, UConn Medical Center, Benton Gardens Health Care Center, New Haven, Connecticut, and adult education programs.

She is also a member in the National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy.

The program is free and open to the public. Please register in person or call 789-1550.

### PENDER - from Page 19...

If facing real relationship change is what you are in need of, my advice is, don't waste your time on line waiting for a quick, fleeting thrill thinking that it's going to do it for you. Do the hard work necessary to face yourself - whatever that may mean for you! Come to know who you are and from where you came. Develop relationships that sustain into the future built on a past where real growth is both encouraged and supported in the present. Relationships can be thrilling, but they certainly aren't "cheap."

The complexity and cost of relationships.

I can be reached by e-mail (AOL screen name: dpmft449) or P.O. Box 449, Agawam, MA 01001 or by phone at (413) 789-4460. As always, if I reprint any or all of your material, I will not publish your name unless you specifically give me permission to do so.

## ADVERTISER NEWS

### Noble Hospital's "16th Annual Run" Set For April 29th

Noble Hospital's "16th Annual Run for a Noble Cause" - 5K Road Race and Kids' Race: Saturday, April 29th. Please note start times — 5K Road Race begins at 9:00 a.m.; Kids' Race at 9:45 a.m. (Check-in will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.).

Registration is limited. The registration fee is \$10 in advance or \$12 on the day of the race. The Kids' Race is free. Awards will be given for all divisions.

Call Noble Hospital's Health Beat at 568-2328 for more information.

### Diabetes Support Group To Meet On May 3rd At Mercy

Persons with diabetes and their families can find information, understanding, and inspiration at meetings of a new group sponsored by the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital.

The support group's first meeting will take place Wednesday, May 3rd, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St. The free sessions offer an opportunity to share questions and concerns with health care professionals and others with diabetes; a variety of topics will be presented monthly.

For more information and to register, call the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital, (413) 748-7000.

### Support Group Mtg. For Children Of Cancer Patients

Learning that your parent has cancer is difficult for children of all ages. But discovering you're not alone and sharing your feelings and concerns with others in the same situation can help.

Children of area cancer patients have that opportunity, through a support group which meets monthly at Mercy Hospital. The group's next meeting will take place Monday, May 1st, 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

Meetings are led by skilled facilitators from Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department and are free of charge. Persons of all ages are welcome.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.



**Fitness  
Tips...**  
by  
**Carmela Kirk, R.N.**  
Fitness Director  
Fitness First

### Alternative Exercise...

Exercise is simply purposeful movement. The purpose is physical conditioning. As you know, there are many different ways to exercise. I've written about cardiovascular exercise and resistance training. I've written about aerobic classes, Spinning, Body Pump, and yoga.

Sometimes I hear about a new piece of equipment or a new practice that I just don't feel comfortable promoting. Sometimes I watch it to see what results I see. I've found something I've been watching for a couple of years, and I'm very impressed.

Pilates (pronounced Pi-LAH-teez) is a low-stress method of physical and mental conditioning. I've been watching; I like what I see. Pilates, which you can purchase equipment for or you don't have to, claims to do so much. This method of exercise relieves stress and stress-related disorders, controls weight, improves flexibility, lengthens and strengthens the body, corrects posture, and stimulates circulation.

Pilates will tighten your muscles around your hips, thighs, buttocks, and abdomen. In conjunction with a proper diet, pilates will promote a lean and graceful body. There are different exercises to learn and very few restrictions. It is a practice of moves and breathing like traditional exercise, but the results are unlike any I've seen before.

We have someone on our staff, Shelly, who is a certified instructor. Now, I think I can assume she was pretty amazing before she practiced this, but she attributes much of her wellness to pilates and is a real advocate.

Shelly is little and strong. She is lean with long, well-defined muscles. She's always relaxed and all right with everything, although I know her other job can be amidst total chaos. She is powerful and graceful at the same time. To know her and spend a little time with her is truly a wonderful experience.

There are some people who don't like exercise. To them, I say explore alternatives. There is so much you can do to begin or continue your journey of wellness. Open your mind and so much can happen. Purposeful movement for the deliberate intent of health — try it!

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with us, each & every week.*

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### Program By Author/ Gardener At Captain Charles Leonard House

The Agawam Cultural Council will present Georgia Raimondi, author of the book, "THE PASSIONATE GARDENER: Month By Month Ideas For Using Your Garden To Enrich Your Life," on Friday, May 5th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam. The free program will be a lecture, discussion, and slide show about gardening as a lifestyle.

"THE PASSIONATE GARDENER" is a lifestyle gardening book that celebrates the seasons with month-by-month ideas for using your garden to enrich your life. The author interweaves the pleasure of the home and garden year-round with practical advice on how to better grow and maintain your garden, enticing recipes, soothing aromatherapy preparations, and creative decorating and entertaining ideas. Stunning full-color photographs (many taken at Raimondi's own English Cotswold home) vividly capture the garden's glories.

Raimondi, a Longmeadow native, spend half her life in a fashion career, and her fond memories of her grandmother's love of the earth and the pleasures of homegrown produce, fragrant herbs, and flowers were the catalyst which renewed her interest in gardening when she and her husband moved to an English Cotswold cottage in Fairfield County, Connecticut.

She has recently made several media appearances on television, including "Today In New York," the Discovery Channel's "Home Matters," and Home and Garden TV's "Way To Grow."

The author will bring copies of her books, and there will be a book-signing at the close of the program.

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GEORGIA RAMONDI, author of the book "THE PASSIONATE GARDENER," will present a lecture and slide program on Friday, May 5th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House at 7:30 p.m. This program will conclude this year's "First Friday Series" of free programs sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council.

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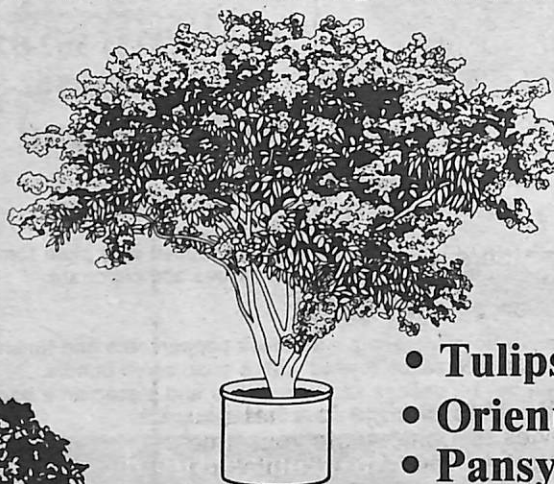
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## "The Food Dude"

by John Walters  
WHYN AM 560



### Raves For Rhubarb...

Hi, I am John Walters. I'm the Food Dude. Listen to my radio show. I broadcast every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on WHYN AM 560. My show is dedicated to helping you have more fun in the kitchen.

This week's column is on rhubarb. Last spring, my wife comes to me with what I think is a stalk of celery sprinkled with salt. I munch into this crispy treat and my tongue does a flip-flop. The sour sweetness of rhubarb sprinkled with sugar has caught me off-guard.

Whether you like it in a pie, as a jam, or just to happily munch on, rhubarb is a real springtime treat.

Let's start off with a rhubarb pie.

- \* **Filling**
- 4 C rhubarb
- 1½ C sugar
- ⅓ C flour
- Dash of salt
- H2O
- 2 TB butter
- \* **Short Crust**
- 2 C flour (pastry)

1 Tsp salt  
1 C lard  
5 to 7 TBS H2O (ice cold)  
Method: Slice the rhubarb into 1-inch pieces. Mix rest of ingredients with the fruit. While the flavors mingle, make your crust. Cut the lard into pea-sized pieces. Add to your dry ingredients. Blend with a pastry tool or two knives working across each other. When the mixture resembles a coarse meal, start adding water a TBS at a time. When the crust just comes together, stop working it.

On a lightly dusted surface, roll out your pastry. By working it as little as possible, you will have a flaky crust.

Now, fill your pie. Arrange the butter evenly across the top. Put a lattice crust on top and bake at 400° for approximately 50 minutes. Serve warm with some strawberry ice cream.

Rhubarb should be treated like a berry pie. Do not overpower it with a lot of accompaniment. Make sure that you always leave a lot of room for the steam to escape.

We are coming into the when raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, and elderberries will be in season. Make the best of them with pies, jams, and jellies. In upcoming columns, I will give you some jelly and jam recipes.

I see that King Yen Restaurant is making a move up to Springfield Street. Feel free to send me some feedback at P.O. Box 741, Agawam, MA 01001, or e-mail me at [www.foodduderadio.com](http://www.foodduderadio.com). More recipes are there for you.

Send in some ideas that would make Mom even sweeter, and you might be the winner of a gift box of Lindt chocolate for Mothers' Day.

This is John Walters; I'll be talking to you on the radio.

**JOHN WALTERS, "The Food Dude," can be heard each Saturday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on WHYN AM 560.**

On Monday, May 1st...

## Agawam Community Artists To Host Prog. By Anne Mueller

The Agawam Community Artists are pleased to present multi-talented artist Anne Mueller of Fairview on Monday evening, May 1st, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Agawam.

Mueller is presently teaching an adult educational course at the Agawam High School, where she has been teaching for the past 13 years. Mueller also teaches classes at the Holyoke Creative Arts Center, which includes specialty classes in color theory, drawing, and seascapes. She brings to her students an opportunity to learn in an encouraging environment.

Mueller earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from Western Carolina University. She began teaching in 1982. Her area of expertise includes watercolor, acrylics, oils, drawing, and pen and ink.

Mueller has spent 10 years documenting the vanishing farms of South Hadley and Chicopee. During that time, she received various grants enabling her to continue her work recording the vanishing farms of area towns. Mueller has done over 85 paintings in her series of our vanishing farms.

Her exhibitions include Holyoke Community College, Northstar Restaurant, Gallery of Mt. Saint Vincent, Northampton Center for the Arts, and the Farmhouse Museum of South Hadley.

Please join us in welcoming this warm and talented artist, as we look forward to her lecture, slide presentation, and demonstration. All meetings and demonstrations of the Agawam Community Artists (under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council) are free and open to the public.

For additional information regarding the Agawam Community Artists or any of the artists that have been featured in our schedule of monthly programs, please contact Florida Tangocci at 786-3689.

## WestFest Arts Festival Scheduled For May 20th-21st At Stanley Park

The 19th annual WestFest Arts Festival is planned for May 20th and 21st in the rose garden at Stanley Park in Westfield. Activities are planned to make this year's festival a fun-filled weekend for all ages.

Presently, we are seeking volunteers to work the weekend of WestFest. Jobs include staffing art display areas, providing artist respites, assisting with Youth Art activities, and set-up and knock-down.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering to work at West Fest on May 20th and 21st or the week preceding the festival should contact Kate at 568-7476 or Ruth at 568-5253.

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**"Pisano's  
Picks"  
On Video**  
by  
**Lou Pisano**

**The Return...**

It truly is hard to believe that seven years have passed since the last edition of "Pisano's Picks" On Video appeared in *The Agawam Advertiser News*. It seems like just yesterday that I was recommending movie rentals on a weekly basis. Some of you may remember me, but I'm sure some of you do not.

My love of movies goes as far back as my childhood. I attribute this to the fact that I was lucky enough to grow up in an era that produced some of the best films in history, such as *The Godfather*, *Jaws*, *Star Wars: A New Hope*, *Grease*, *Superman - The Movie*, *Rocky*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, *E.T.* — the *Extra-Terrestrial*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, and a myriad of others. My amazement with such movies and the magic they seemed to create for audiences is what peaked my interest in the motion picture and its evolution through history.

This interest led me to spend much of my free time researching film and reading other film reviewers' opinions. Once I enrolled in Westfield State College, I elected to study communications, with serious concentration on media. Immersed in a curriculum that included broadcast history (radio), journalism, and television production, I began to feel that film was still the most powerful means of communication and entertainment. Such concepts as film criticism and production value became my central focus.

One day, I was pondering what to do for a class project for television production when I decided to create a television series that mirrored the popular *Siskel and Ebert: At The Movies* television show. I teamed with the Westfield State College

television studio crew and my cousin, Dave Pisano, to create *Pisano & Pisano: Critics At Large*. The show featured our reviews of current releases, as well as classic films available for rental on video.

Aside from learning how to use a studio camera, edit film, and design a shot, I was especially pleased with the experience of actually setting up a real shoot (much like the film directors that I had admired for years). I feel that this enthusiasm made the difference in the show's quality by giving me even more of a feel for what is actually involved when it comes to filming.

Dave and I were thrilled to learn that the show was a hit with students and faculty alike. Soon thereafter, Continental Cablevision (now Media One) asked for permission to air all the new episodes of *Pisano & Pisano* on their public access station. Of course, we obliged and, from there, I was free to live a dream ... talking about film.

About a year later, I was asked to intern at *The Agawam Advertiser News* as part of my journalism course. Of course, I asked if I could write a weekly submission that recommended, as well as reviewed, films available at the video store. My intention was for *Pisano's Picks* to be a journalistic rendition of our television show.

In an effort not to mimic all the other "new release reviewers" around, I opted to incorporate old classics in the article as well. I myself had spent many nights in the video store, walking the aisles — seemingly for hours — and trying to find a film to rent. I had hoped to eliminate this problem for others by suggesting some films.

Well, it worked. I received many letters from AAN readers who expressed their enjoyment with my article. Soon, I was asked to stay on as an employee of *The AAN* after my internship had expired.

Well, it seems ironic that now, I feel like a sequel! Here I am again, a few years older, a few years wiser, and (I hope!) even better than the first time around. I welcome any suggestions for films you would like to see reviewed, as well as any comments you have; just send them to *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Attn.: Lou Pisano, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

I'm very happy to be back, and look forward to many weeks of once again bringing you my picks on video.

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Please pass the word to any former student or parents of former students you may know as our address contacts are somewhat limited.

Please note that this group is open to any former students now over the age of 18. We hope to see you May 13th.

Please note that the recital dates for 2000 are June 16th and 17th. If you need to reach us at The Academy, please call Nancy Locke at 413-786-7683. Celebrate Recital 2000 and a part of your past with us!!

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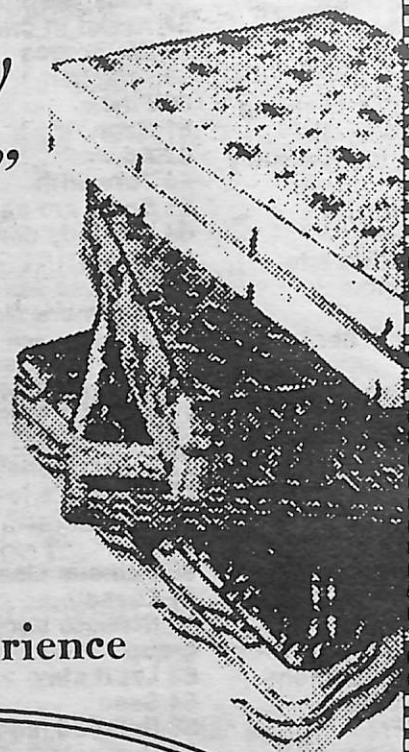
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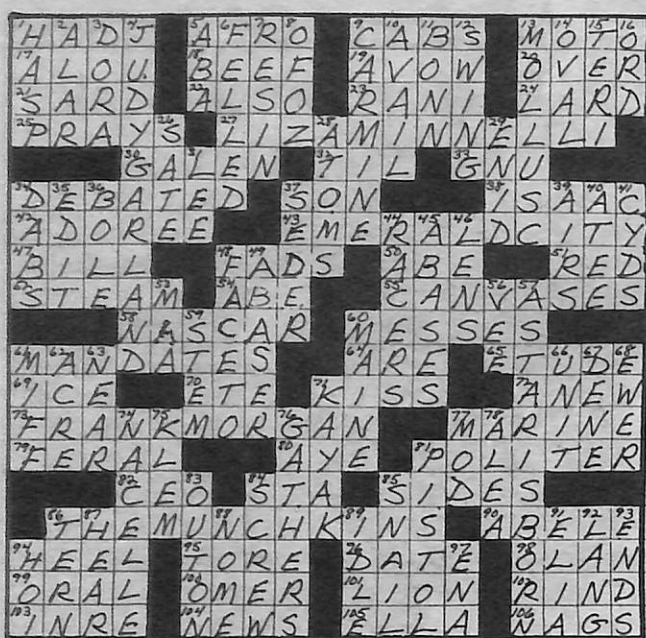
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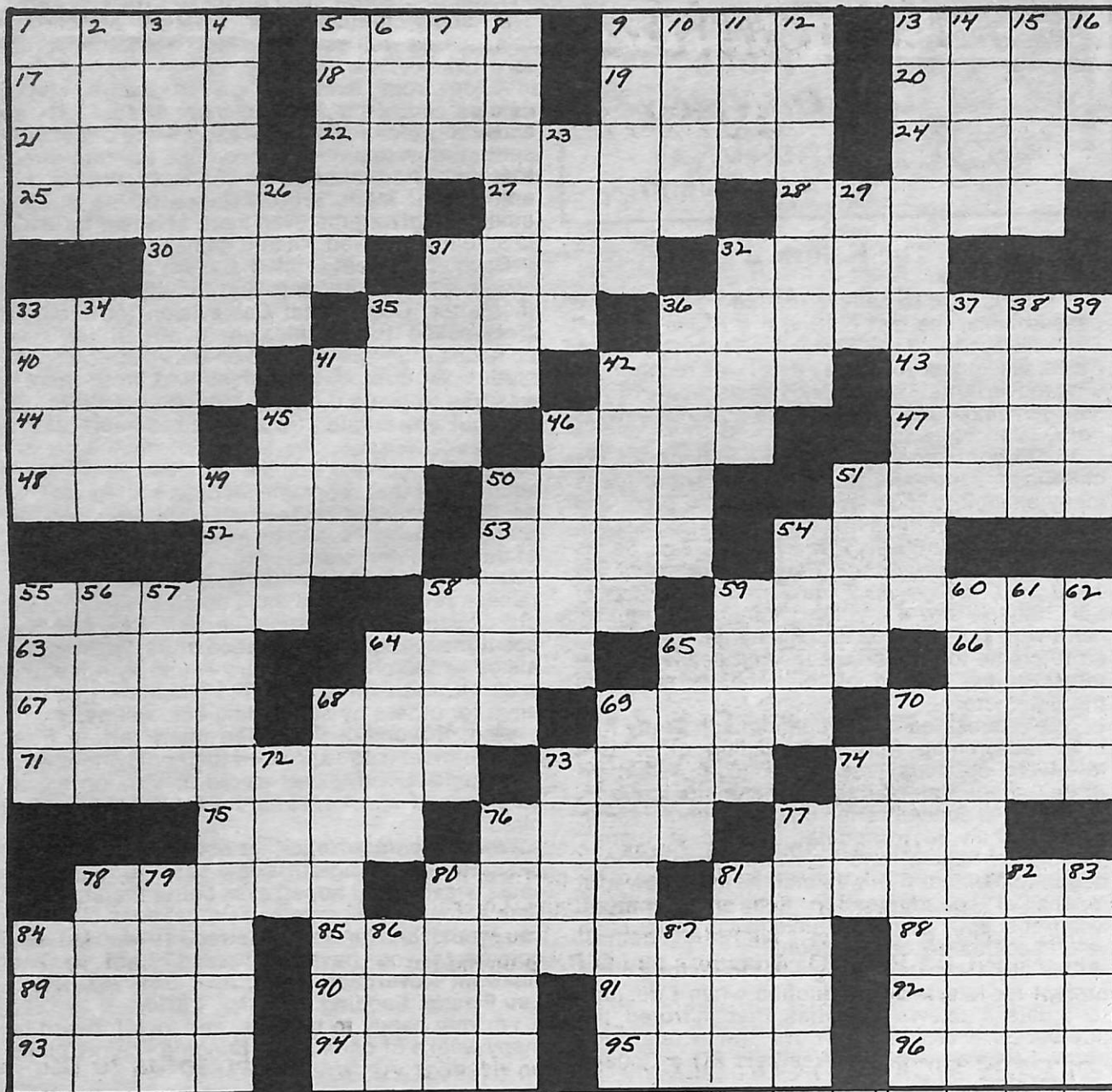
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## Education

### A "Junior Superintendent" For A Day...



IN TOP PHOTO: Last month, Dr. Frank Ameruso, Agawam's Superintendent of Schools, demonstrated his talents on the keyboard by performing for Mrs. Robinson's kindergarten class at Clark Elementary School. Accompanying Ameruso was Brendan O'Brien, a third-grade student at Granger Elementary School who served as "Junior Superintendent" for a day. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Ameruso and O'Brien outside of Clark Elementary School. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



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PLEASE PICK UP YOUR OLD PHOTOS: If you've brought photos to our office for wedding announcements, scouting events, athletic teams, etc., we encourage you to pick them up during the month of April. As of April 30th, we will be disposing of all unclaimed photographs.  
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**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO'S CALLED RECENTLY OFFERING PICTURES FOR OUR PROJECT.** Every photo puts us one closer to the 250 that we must submit for *Images of America: Agawam and Feeding Hills*, the pictorial history to be published by Arcadia Publishers for the Agawam Historical Association. However, we still need about 100 more photos. The more photos we receive and the wider the variety, the more interesting and informative the book will be.

We've recently been offered some great photos of the Agawam Company woolen mill, Randall Field, and Bowles Airport. However, despite Agawam's rich agricultural heritage, we have very few photos of the farms that once were so commonplace in town—we'd like to have a whole section devoted to agriculture in Agawam. We'd also like more school pictures—athletic teams, graduation pictures, etc.

I'm sure many of you are thinking, "I have some family photos, but you wouldn't be interested in them." Well, you're wrong! If your photo documents a time in Agawam's past, we're interested in looking at it. All photos used in this project will be returned.

In order to make our publishing deadline, we must have all photos in hand by the end of May. Please call David Cecchi at 731-7600 (days) or 789-3338 (eve.) if you have any questions or would like more information regarding this project.

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by Judy Cohen  
Agawam High School  
Guidance Counselor

## Denial

Report cards were issued and there the grades were in black and white. There was no denying them now. They were real! They had been earned, they had been recorded, they had been distributed, and now they were indelibly marked on a piece of paper. Yet, believe it or not, denial still existed!

The phone rang and the scenario went something like this. "Mrs. Cohen, this is Mrs. Grade. I never received Bob's report card, although he did tell me that he is doing very nicely." As Mrs. Grade spoke to me, I leafed through the copies of the report cards on my desk and, voila, there was Bob's. His idea of doing well and mine were definitely different. There in plain view were two failing grades - one in English and one in math. The rest of the grades were not spectacular, but they were passing.

I shared my findings with his mom, who was obviously dumbfounded. I told her that I would talk to Bob's teachers and, of course, to Bob to ascertain the exact problem. Bob was called into my office and entered with his usual smile and upbeat manner.

I took out a copy of his report card, put it in front of him, and highlighted the two failing grades. He looked at me incredulously and said, "I just don't understand those grades. I mean, how could I have failed? I was doing so well. I understood the material and I just know that they should have been passing grades."

"Really?" I countered. "We'll have to set-up a meeting with your teachers and see what they have to say." The conversation continued for a while and Bob left. Later, I contacted his teachers and it was decided that Bob, his two teachers, his mom, and I would meet the next day.

The following day was a sunny one outside, but the happenings in my office were rather stormy. Bob, Mom, and teachers were together in my office. The marking books were shared, the obvious lack of homework turned in was apparent, and the low test grades clearly stood out. Reworking the grades, it was apparent that the failures were correct. All eyes turned to Bob. We waited for his response. "Well, I mean, I ah...just didn't hand in a few papers and I did get a few low grades, but I never thought I was failing!"

This scenario, with different players, happens so often in my office. I call it denial. Bob was denying to himself how he was doing and in that way, he didn't have to face the true facts. If he could just keep denying, he could convince himself that all was okay and really start believing that. And so he was able to go along his merry way, tell his folks all was well, and then was shocked when the report card arrived.

How can this denial be avoided? I suggest that each youngster keep a book of his grades. He should record the grade received and the date. In this way, he will have an accurate knowledge of his marks. Furthermore, I suggest Mom and Dad ask to see this list every few days and to check to see that homework is done. Doing these things will help eliminate wishful thinking and welcome in accurate thinking.

Denial affects other aspects of life, too, not just grades. Unfortunately, denial allows the problem to continue and no action to be taken. It is so important to be able to look a problem squarely in the face, to own it, and then strive to change it. Denial or reality? I vote for reality ... it initially is uncomfortable, but it allows for correction and improvement, and isn't that what we all really want?

AHS HONOR ROLL - from Page 26...

Dmitriy Makarov, Mario Maloni, Ashley Marek, Christopher Martin, Michael McGeoghan, Megan Mercadante, Nina Murray, Ashley Mutti, Michael Peetros, Jodie Pfau, Courtney Poirier, Julie Pontz, Kelly Reilly, Myungsuk Ro, David Rosenberg, Natalya Skovorodina, Benjamin Sunny, Victoria Taylor, Brittany Theriaque, Ryan Trexler, Nicole Vadnais, Sebastian Verelst, Cori Verteramo, Kristopher Widmer, Cylyn Williams, Tara Witte, Andrew Wynne, Ryan Zaczynski, Laura Zerra.

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## Westfield Area Head Start Seeks Applicants For 2000-2001 Year

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Westfield Area Head Start currently operates centers in Westfield (562-0586), West Springfield (746-3847), Agawam (789-1784), Southwick (569-1275), and Blandford (848-1444).

## Locals Attain Honor Roll At Saint Thomas The Apostle School

The following Agawam and Feeding Hills students have attained third quarter honor roll status at Saint Thomas the Apostle School in West Springfield.

### FIRST HONORS

Grade 7: Elizabeth Barker

### SECOND HONORS

Grade 7: Jeffrey Lagasse, Timothy Welch.  
Grade 6: Kaitlyn Chase, Diana Forbes. Grade 5: Michelle Santos.

### THIRD HONORS

Grade 8: Katherine Forbes. Grade 7: Danielle Poggi, Adam Rhodes. Grade 6: Anthony Ardolino. Grade 5: Nichole Hess, Joseph LaPorte, Bianca Molta, Kimberley Murphy.

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## Junior High Music Dept. Presents "Spring Concert"

The Agawam Junior High School Music Department recently presented its Spring Concert, under the direction of Scott L. Thomson.

Featured presentations included "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite" by Karl King, arrangement by Larry Kerchner, the consummate circus march in the minds of many. "A Percy Grainger Suite," arranged by Frank Erickson, was presented as a fine example of folk music.

"Big Band Classics" saw the students travel back in time over 60 years to the sounds of the Glenn Miller Orchestra.

The Concert Band consisted of the following students:

**FLUTE:** Heather Adams, Camille Brooks, Christine Cassidy, Diana Dziardziel, Jennifer Epaul, Kelly Follis, Karyn Gottardi, Krisatan Heaton, Alexandra Ivey, Jacquelyn Lear, Sophia Nasti, Kaylie Paquette, Allison Peters, Melanie Sampson, Allyson Sekula, Megan Smith, Jamie Spear, Kerry Tompsett, Marissa Wynne.

**BASS CLARINET:** Joanne Brignoli, Mary Gottardi, Sarah Rollins. **OBOE:** Elizabeth Couture.

**BARITONE SAX:** Brendan Cayer, Nicholas Jacks. **BARITONE HORN:** Danielle Glantz, Jeffrey Sylvain. **TUBA:** Colleen Knight, Bradford Martin.

**CLARINET:** Alexander Alvanos, Catherine Andrews, Danielle Borsari, Barbara Brizzolari, Tami Burmeister, Steven Burmeister, Erica Dominguez, Kaitlin Gallagher, Emily Greaney, Christina Haire, Kendall Hill, Sarah Huffman, Susan Jenney, Katie Knodler, Celena Kowilton, Jillian Kos, Kathryn Kozikowski, Michael Laborde, Kristen Laliberte, Emily Lathrop, Victoria Littlefield, Sarah Meiers, Christina Metcalf, Ashley Morris, Pavlina Moysis, Courtne Ober, Kristen Ott, Angela Pandolfi, Kristen Pfau, Jessica Phillips, Kyla Roberts, Angela Stork, Nicole Struck, Felicia Tran, Timothy Walker.

**ALTO SAX:** Brian Athas, Patrick Coffey, Andrew Jensen, Russell Linder, Marc Maloney, Ashley Richards, Emily Siedlik, Adam Smith, Katie Tapply, Ryan Walsh, Jawaan Wright. **TENOR SAX:** Ben Kochanowski, Michael Landry, Ryan McLane, Christopher Pass, Patricia Sheehan. **PERCUS-**



PICTURED ABOVE ARE THE CONCERT BAND STUDENTS who performed in the Agawam Junior High School Music Department's recently held Spring Concert. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

**SION:** Anthony Boido, Amanda Bruno, Adam Corbin, David Duplessis, Steven Forni, Matthew Hartmann, Danielle Robichaud, Jeffrey Sabola, Noelle Serafino, Brian Simpson, Jeremy Skiba, Shane Suffriti.

**TRUMPET:** Nicholas Alvanos, Matthew Campana, Jesse Clausen, Philip Gildersleeve, Erik Jensen, Steven Kane, Nathan Little, Christpher Lizotte, Geoffrey Lucas, Nicholas Lyman, Joseph McCarthy, Chris McKenney, Robert Morgan, Brianne Nicklaw, Kevin Pender, Marc Pereira, Brenton Reveruzzi, Nicole Roy, Jessica Tully, Jeffrey Walker. **TROMBONE:** Matthew Hayden, Danielle Lafond, Daniel Lizotte, Lisa Ruhl,

Michael Weinle. **BARITONE HORN:** Danielle Glantz, Jeffrey Sylvain. \*\*\*\*\*

Jazz Band members included:

**ALTO SAX:** Nick Jacks, Emily Siedlik, Ryan Walsh. **TENOR SAX:** Elizabeth Couture, Ryan McLane, Patricia Sheehan. **BARI SAX:** Michael Landry. **TRUMPET:** Nicholas Alvanos, Matthew Campana, Nathan Little, Chris McKenney, Robert Morgan.

**TROMBONE:** Colleen Knight, Danielle Lafond, Daniel Lizotte, Lisa Ruhl, Michael Weinle. **PIANO:** David Duplessis, Danielle Glantz. **BASS:** Jeffrey Walker. **DRUMS:** Jeffrey Sabola, Noelle Serafino.

## Weekly Guidance Bulletin From Agawam High School

**COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES:** Congratulations!

**Brian Lopes:** Springfield Technical Community College.

**Bill Nowell:** Holyoke Community College.

**OPEN HOUSE:** See your counselor for more information.

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# Winners Of The Annual Agawam Town Spelling Bee

The Eighth Annual Agawam Town Spelling Bee was held last month at the Agawam Middle School. Sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, the contest featured club member Donna Shibley as the moderator; Paul Sutton, former News 40 meteorologist, as the pronouncer; and Mayor Richard Cohen, School Committee member Sue Pettazzoni, and Agawam librarian Judith Clini as the judges.

The winners were as follows:

Grade four, first place — **Lindsay Strole** from James Clark School; second place — **Nimish Shah**, Benjamin Phelps School.

Grade five, first place — **Victoria Tran**; second place — **Anthony Grimaldi**.

Grade six, first place — **Ally Bertagnolli**; second place — **Aaron Hibbert**.

The first-place winners received a \$100 savings bond and an "Upwords" game. The second-place winners received a \$50 savings bond and a "Upwords" game. Westfield Bank, Woronoco Savings Bank, and SIS/Family Bank donated the savings bonds.

On Wednesday, May 3rd, starting at 7:00 p.m., the spelling bee will be televised on Cable Access Channel 15.

The members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club would like to congratulate the winners and all the students who participated, as well as thank everyone who helped to make this competition a successful event.

The following is a list of the pupils who participated in this year's spelling bee:

\* James Clark School (grade four): Lindsay Strole, Joshua Blood, and Rachel Goodman.

\* Clifford Granger School (grade four): Sean Yarymowicz, Shawna LeBlanc-Beaudry, Andrew Dean, and Rebecca Colson.

\* Benjamin Phelps School (grade four): Andrea Simmons, Ryan Osborne, Nimish Shah, and Sarah Lovotti.

SEE SPELLING BEE - Page 32...



AT THE RECENTLY HELD Agawam Town Spelling Bee at Agawam Middle School (from left to right): Mayor Richard Cohen (who served as one of the judges for the competition), Agawam Junior Women's Club members Carol Rose and Theresa Conklin (the co-chairwomen of the spelling bee), Agawam School Committee Sue Pettazzoni (judge), Junior Women's Club member Donna Shibley (moderator for the spelling bee), and Agawam librarian Judy Clini (judge). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

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# “How Do You Spell ... ???”



CAROL ROSE AND THERESA CONKLIN, members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club and co-chairwomen of the recently held Agawam Town Spelling Bee, with three of the winners: left photo — Aaron Hibbert (sixth grade, second place) and Ally Bertagnolli (sixth grade, first place); right photo — Nimish Shah (Phelps School fourth-grader, second place). Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



CAROL ROSE AND THERESA CONKLIN with the three other winners of the Agawam Town Spelling Bee: left photo — Lindsay Strole (Clark School fourth-grader, first place); right photo — Victoria Tran (fifth grade, first place) and Anthony Grimaldi (fifth grade, second place). Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.

## SPELLING BEE - from Page 31...

\* Robinson Park School, (grade four): Stephen Karaskiewicz, Caitlin Kelley, Sarah Reutt, and Meghan Little.

\* Agawam Middle School fifth-graders: Timothy Piquette, Paul Trimboli, Brian Foley, Courtney Doyle, Jessica Kodess, Philip Mokrzycki, Megan Lalli, Joseph Lepianka, Andrea Braccialarghe, Anthony Grimaldi, Brad Johnson, Joshua Dion, and Victoria Tran.

\* Agawam Middle School sixth-graders: Dustin Aube, Christopher Blanchette, Tiara Ghedi, Caitlin Rainstrom, Aaron Hibbert, Nicholas DeMaio, Ashley Kauffman, Johannah Kos, Mike Ott, Mat Zordani, Christine Kretchmar, Sharrice Colburn, and Ally Bertagnolli.

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Raffle tickets are \$1 each, or a book of six tickets for \$5. Tickets will be sold until May 5th. The drawing will be held on May 10th, and you don't need to be present to win.

Tickets may be purchased from any James Clark School student or by calling Carla Chase, 789-3846; Ann Marie LaZazzera, 789-3141; or Cathy Blood, 786-5103.

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## Correct Spelling Does Pay Off!!!



AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS YEAR'S Agawam Town Spelling Bee at Agawam Middle School: back row — Aaron Hibert (sixth grade, second place), Anthony Grimaldi (fifth grade, second place), former News 40 meteorologist Paul Sutton (spelling bee pronouncer), Mayor Richard Cohen (judge), Agawam School Committee member Sue Pettazzoni (judge), and Agawam librarian Judy Clini (judge); front row — Nimish Shah (Phelps School fourth-grader, second place), Victoria Tran (fifth grade, first place), Ally Bertagnolli (sixth grade, first place), and Lindsay Strole (Clark School fourth-grader, first place). Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, May 1st:** Personal round cheese-topped pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Italian dressing, chilled mixed fruit cup, milk.

**Tuesday, May 2nd:** Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned green beans, chilled pears in syrup or orange blossom cake, milk.

**Wednesday, May 3rd:** Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, bread

and butter, broccoli cuts, orange Jello with topping or fruit cup, milk.

**Thursday, May 4th:** Super taco boat with cheese topping, niblet corn, wheat bread and butter, cinnamon applesauce or chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

**Friday, May 5th:** Diced chicken pieces with chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, seasoned mixed vegetables, dinner roll, spice cake with icing, milk.

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## At Greek School



LAST MONTH, Agawam Town Councilor George Bitzas joined some of his festively dressed Greek School students after the celebration of Greek independence day at St. George Cathedral. Front row: Christina Doulakis (Somers, CT), Despina Hatzis (Springfield), and Frederike Rizos (Southampton). Back row: Nick Karathanasopoulos and his sister, Vasilisa (both of Southwick), Bitzas (who is the principal of the St. George Cathedral afternoon Greek School), and Harry Geanopoulos and his sister, Matina (both of Agawam).

At Middlebury College...

## Steven J. Bertolino Named A College Scholar For Fall 1999

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**THE ZUCCHINI BROTHERS**, often called "The Beatles of Kids' Music," with Phelps Elementary School students in the school's gym. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

## Zucchini Brothers Show Phelps Kids A Good Time

by Kathy Shepard  
Feature Editor

Often called "The Beatles of Kids' Music," the Zucchini Brothers gave a rocking musical and comical performance to a packed crowd in the Phelps School gym. They promise *Words of Wisdom Set to Foot-Tapping Music*, and they do deliver what they promise.

The group comes from Saratoga Springs, New York, with Jack on guitar, Steve on keyboards, and Sam on drums. Each one sings what they call a "stir-fry of musical styles" which are 100 percent healthy and 100 percent fun. The group formed in 1990 by Jack and Steve. Both graduated from the State University of New York at Plattsburgh, where they met and played music together.

Each earned a degree and certification in education (Jack for K-6, and Steve for 7-12 in social studies). They decided to pool their musical and educational talents to write and play music for kids. They named themselves the Zucchini Brothers and began to perform throughout New York state in concerts for elementary children and families. Sam joined the group on drums and vocals.

### Expanded Playing & Touring Area

The group has expanded their playing and touring area and have become renowned throughout the Northeast. They have released several full-length recordings of critically-acclaimed music and videos that emphasize a positive message and several educational themes.

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## Sports

### AHS Baseball Bombs Westfield

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' baseball team downed host Westfield High Tuesday afternoon, 4-0. All-Western Mass. Brownie ace Brian St. Jean was on the hill and he must have those baseball folks down at UTennessee hoisting their sour mash in celebration.

The fire-balling senior allowed only two Bomber hits, one on a no-excuse, fifth-inning check swing and the second safety was a bleeder in the sixth between first and second. He dusted 11. Three of those came against a very good player, Bomber outfielder Neil Scheller.

Agawam went to 5-2. Westfield fell to 4-3 in the non-league game. St. Jean now stands at 2-0. He has not allowed a run, earned or otherwise, in its two starts (which have run over 14 innings).

Agawam got its first run in the first inning when senior Scott Harlin led off with a walk. Brandon Donovan then laid down a sacrifice bunt that was butchered by the Westfield defense. Harlin took advantage and went all the way to third. St. Jean grounded to second and Harlin, playing heads-up ball, scored.

#### A Tight Pitchers' Duel

It remained a tight, 1-0 pitchers' duel before Agawam got three more in the seventh to break it open. Jack Pearson walked. Sean Mercadante, pinch-hitting for Lou Conte, had two strikes and tried a sacrifice bunt. Again, the Bomber defense couldn't make a play and it went for a base hit. Brian Chechile stalked to the plate. He faked a bunt, drawing the infield out of position. The runners were moving and advanced on a double steal.

Chechile then lifted a sacrifice fly to deep center, scoring Pearson and sending Mercadante to third. Coach Peter Clark sent the speedy Mike Hill in to run for Mercadante. Westfield hurler Matt Pennas then uncorked a wild pitch and Hill raced home.

Agawam's final run came on a bunch of Bomber miscues. Aaron Gilbert walked and advanced all the way to third on two wild pitches. Harlin grounded to second, sending Gilbert home. Agawam would have three unearned runs in the game. But either way, a run is a run and a win is a win.

### Girls' Lacrosse vs. Longmeadow...

## Agawam High Wins One, Loses One Against Lancers From Longmeadow

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' lacrosse team played two separate games against visiting and perennial powerhouse Longmeadow High Tuesday afternoon at Harmon Smith Field. They won the first, 5-2, which happened to be the first half. They lost the second game (the second half) when the lacrosse power outscored the hosts, 5-1, to escape for a 7-6 victory.

Agawam's record fell to 4-2 while the Lancers rose to 5-0.

Agawam started out doing everything right. So right, as a matter of fact, that it scored 20 seconds into the action off a shot from junior Kara Barnes. Agawam dominated the early action both on offense and defense and scored 30 seconds later when sophomore Allison Nowell popped one past Longmeadow keeper Molly Dullea for a 2-0 Agawam lead.

#### Brownies' Intensity Shock The Lancers

The Lancers seemed slightly shocked by the intensity of the Brownies. Senior Sheri Benton was very active in the Longmeadow zone. Sophomore Jenna Shea was marking well. Senior Annie Paquette was playing some good defense, along with junior Lauren Kida and junior Becca Nacewicz. And senior Mary Elizabeth Dupelle was playing well in goal.

Agawam really seemed to be lowering the hammer at the 11:20 mark when senior Sarah Prussman (two goals on the afternoon) got her first off a free shot.

The Lancers got two shots at an open Agawam goal shortly after that on penalties by Dupelle. They blew both chances. Finally, they got on the board at 13:15. However, Prussman, on a nice center rush cut to her left, launched from 10 feet out to make it 4-1, Brownies, with 15 minutes gone.

Agawam had a chance for another score with eight minutes to play. Nowell had the Lancers' goal dead in her sights from 10 feet in front.

Dullea, who would have 14 saves on the day, robbed Nowell on a quick stick save.

Agawam kept up the pressure, however, and it paid off when senior Amanda Sternowski scored with 50 seconds to play, making it 5-1, Brownies.

But Longmeadow hasn't risen to lacrosse prominence by rolling over. Maybe Agawam let down a bit. Maybe not. But the visitors scored with 30 seconds left in the half (a sign of coming events) to trail 5-2 at intermission.

Agawam had seven first-half shots on goal. Longmeadow came in with five.

#### Second 25 Sees Two Different Teams

Two different teams took the field for the second 25 minutes. While Agawam still seemed to have its fire (for a while, at least), the Lancers were playing more deliberate lacrosse.

A minute into the half, they got their third goal on a shot from 15 feet in front. Longmeadow, slowing down the pace, scored its fourth at the 4:35 mark to make it a 5-4 affair.

Agawam managed a rush on the Lancers' net a half-minute after that. Dullea made a good stop on senior Kate Shannon's effort. But she could not stop a free shot by Barnes (her second score) six minutes in and Agawam had a 6-4 lead and some breathing room.

Despite some good goaltending by Dupelle, and flashes of the way it had played in the first half, the momentum had clearly deserted Agawam. Longmeadow scored three more goals and took a 7-6 lead into the final minute.

The Brownies tried desperately to tie it up then. Benton had a good chance, but Dullea was up to it. Paquette had a free shot, but the Lancer defense knocked the ball off her stick with 30 seconds to go.

Agawam came in with second second-half shots on goal for a total of 14. Longmeadow had 13 for a game total of 18.

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## Girls' Track At Westfield...

# Brownies Remain Unbeaten At The Bombers' Expense

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam girls' track team traveled to Westfield High Monday afternoon and beat the Bombers, 86-59, thus raising its record to 3-0. Westfield fell to 2-2.

The meet was held at the wide-open Westfield High School track. Howling winds played havoc with virtually every event on a track that is well-known for being unkind to the runners.

It was a tour de force for sophomore Kelly Cassidy, who won the high jump (4'6"), triple jump (32'10"), and both hurdle events (17'8" and 54'6"). She will be going to the Western Mass. tournament because of her performance.

Other Brownies also placed well. Junior Laura Bucalo was first in the shot put with a personal best of 31'9". According to Assistant Coach Dan Pryce, Bucalo (without any track experience at all) is becoming one of the best shot-putters in the region. Teammate and fellow junior Bianca Chase attained a personal best in the shot, coming in second at 30'7".

Lauren DeLuca, also a junior, triple-jumped 30'9", good enough for second. She also long-jumped to third place with a leap of 12'1".

Gina Loudfoot went through the high hurdles in

17.9 and a second-place finish behind Cassidy. She also qualified for Western Mass. Freshman Angela Buendo ran the 100 and finished second with a time 14.1. "The times could have been better. But Westfield is notorious for having a slow track," Pryce admitted.

Freshman Danielle Cirillo also took a second in the 200 with a time of 30.2. Senior Marie Buendo (who will be examined by a doctor this week because of an ongoing knee injury) did compete in the discus and managed a heave of 65'8", good enough for third.

A lot of people are keeping their fingers crossed that if she has surgery, the senior star could be back in time for Western Mass. "I'd be able to only run in the relays. But just to be there would be great," she smiled.

Bianca Chase, besides taking second in the shot, managed a third in the javelin at 69' even. Others showing well included freshman Nicole Gendreau with a third in the two-mile in a time of 15:35.

Another frosh, Andrea Babbin, was third in the 100 at 14.2. Alison Siedlik had a third in the 400 in 72 flat, while sister Valerie won that event for the

third straight meet.

Freshman Jodie Pfau won the 800 in 2:41. She's got two firsts and a second so far. Sophomore Desiree Marsilli won the javelin as well. Freshman Kaitlin Sardella grabbed a third in the 800 for the third straight meet with a time of 2:46.

Senior high jumper Kerry McGeoghan had her stitches out this week after knee surgery. The coaches are hoping she'll be able to participate in some competition at the end of the season.

Both relay teams on this lousy day to run won with ease to gain 10 valuable points for AHS. In the 4x100, freshmen Andrea Buendo, Danielle Cirillo, Andrea Babbin, and junior Lauren DeLuca won in 57.1.

The 4x400 relay team remained undefeated, with juniors Jessica Newalu and Valerie Siedlik being sandwiched around freshmen Alison Siedlik and Kaitlin Sardella in 5:02.

In the end, it was some good runner-up and third-place finishes that put Agawam in a position to win this meet. The Brownies, at presstime, were getting ready for a rain-delayed meet at West Springfield on Thursday afternoon, April 27th.

## Boys' Track Versus Westfield...

# AHS Wins First Meet By Defusing Bombers, 72-69

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' track team had a fine outing Monday afternoon and won its first meet of the season, downing visiting Westfield, 72-69, as the wind nearly blew the place apart.

They came out of the box fast, winning all three places in the long jump. Junior Steve Messina was first with a leap of 17'11" — a personal best for him. Chris Tedone was second. The junior came in with a distance of 17'4". Third was sophomore Adam Tapply at 17'½".

Brian Michel's 5'8" high jump got him a second place and also qualified him for Western Mass. T.J. Chretien, a junior, grabbed first in the triple jump, going 36'6½" and a personal best for him. The Brownies finished one, two, three in the pole vault: Michel at 9'6"; freshman Joe Prova at 9' even; and Ian Hogan at 8'6". All of them qualified

for the Pioneer Valley individuals.

Ryan Malanson also qualified for the individuals with a first-place shot put heave of 39'6". Matt Picard finished third with a heave of 34'7½". Justin Mercieri was first in the discus at 115'3". That effort qualified the senior for the individuals. Malanson was third at 106'3½".

Mercieri was second in the javelin, throwing the spear 139'1". Phil Sampson, a junior, grabbed third at 137'1". Cross-country star Anthony Goodrow finally won a two-mile event. He had been frustrated in the first two meets when his opponents out-kicked him at the end. His time was 12:01. Ian Hogan, in his first year of track, took the high hurdles in a time of 18.5. Adam Sprague came in second at 18.6.

The 100-meter dash saw Michel come in third with a time of 12.8. Mike DeFilippi and Rich Gard-

ner finished second and third in the mile, with respective times of 5:23 and 5:41. There was an upset in the 400 where Tedone beat outstanding Bomber senior Trey Waversak (56.5 to 56.9) for the first time ever.

Both 4x100 teams were DQ'd when runners on each side dropped their batons. Sprague and Ryan McGurn finished second and third in the 300 hurdles at 49.2 and 57.6. Messina was second in the 800 at 2:33. Barry Ward had a bizarre experience in the 200. The senior was winning easily when he suddenly fell and rolled out of the competition. "He looked a little pale," Coach Bill Dillon commented later. "I think he's got a touch of the flu."

In all, Dillon was pleased with the team's performance. "We knew it would be close. We're still looking for the right combinations in some events. It'll come."

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## Varsity Baseball...

# AHS Bedeviled By Visiting Northampton, 3-2

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

After Brian St. Jean's outstanding no-hitter last week against West Side in his first start of the season, and then a rainout last Friday, April 21st, the Agawam High baseball team was anxious to get back in action.

Unfortunately for the Brownies, visiting Northampton High was just a bit more pumped, coming away with a 3-2 win Monday afternoon at windswept Harmon Smith Field.

Junior Marc Barcomb got the call from Coach Peter Clark. The kid deserved better. One of 'Hamp's runs was unearned. That might have made all the difference. The visitors scored in the top of the first on a walk and a steal of second and third. An infield error by shortstop Jack Pearson saw runners at the corners. A 'Hamp steal and an out at second on a nice gundown by catcher Corey Federico to St. Jean at second saw the runner on third come home.

## Brownies Get On The Board In The Third

Agawam would get on the board in the third. Their first run came when Federico slashed an opposite field triple down the first base line. Aaron Gilbert then doubled to left-center, driving Federico across the plate. Scott Harlin walked. A nice sac bunt by Brandon Donovan put runners at second and third with one out. St. Jean lofted a high fly to right-center, which was good enough to score Gilbert. Agawam took a 2-1 lead, but didn't hold it for long.

A wind-blown ball headed to right. Brian Chechile had a problem with it. The ball squirted by him and rolled almost to the fence, resulting in a triple. A 'Hamp sac fly to left knotted things at two apiece.

'Hamp threatened again in the sixth. A single to center set up their final run. The next 'Hamp batter laid down a sacrifice bunt which the Agawam infield couldn't handle and there were two on and no outs.

Another sacrifice bunt also went the visitors' way and just like that, Barcomb was staring at a bases-loaded, no-out jam. A pop fly to center dropped in and 'Hamp had its third run. It could have been much worse. Barcomb, however, reared back and dusted the next three hitters he faced in a remarkable show of resiliency.

Sean Mercadante relieved Barcomb in the seventh after the junior got into a semi-jam. There were two down and runners on second and third when Merc struck out the final 'Hamp hitter.

## Agawam's Last Gasp

Agawam's last gasp came up short in its half of the seventh as the side went in order. Agawam's record fell to 4-2. Northampton went to 5-2. At this writing, Agawam has a date Tuesday afternoon in Westfield for a make-up game. They'll have two more games in this full week; Wednesday, April 26th at Pittsfield and at Longmeadow on Thursday, April 27th.

**BROWNIE STATS:** Harlin - 0-2; Donovan - 1-2, 1 SB; St. Jean - 0-1, 1 RBI; LeClair - 0-3; D. Mercadante - 1-3; Conte - 1-2, 2B; Chechile - 0-2; Federico - 1-3, 3B, 1RS; Gilbert - 1-3, 2B, 1RBI, 1RS.

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## Profile...

# Brian Chechile — A Leader For The Agawam High School Baseball Team

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Brian Chechile has been an important part of Agawam High athletics for several seasons. Most recently, he is the rightfielder on the Brownie baseball team. Brian took some time out to talk about his days at AHS.

He turned 18 on April 20th. He stands 5'8" tall and weighs 140 pounds. Brian has spent all four years of his secondary education at the High School.

Currently, the senior is taking English 12, calculus, physics, entrepreneurship, and practical law. Brian is a member of the honor roll. Practical law and calculus are his favorite courses. Joseph Fitzgerald (U.S. history) is his top teacher. He plans to attend the University of Hartford this fall with a major in mechanical engineering.

Besides baseball, Brian also played golf last fall and wrestled in the winter. "I enjoy each one. It just depends upon the season," he explained.

His most memorable sports moment was being a member of the Brownies' Western Mass. Division I baseball champions last year.

Brian's take on the 2000 team, which at this writing is 4-2, goes like this: "We're starting off a little slower than we'd like. But I think we'll come on strong as the season goes along, much like we did last year."

His favorite food is chicken made in the French style.

Yellow is Brian's top color.

His choice in wheels is a 1969 Firebird, which he owns. "It's almost totally restored," he said.

The Boston Red Sox are his top sports team.

He likes to kick back and relax with his friends.

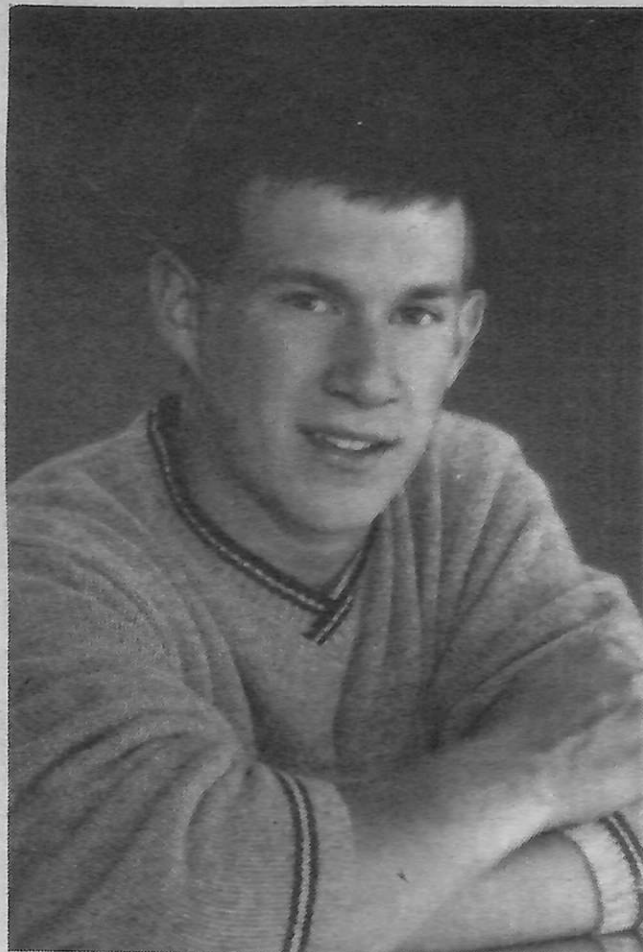
His taste in clothes runs to the casual. Like most kids, he buys them at the Holyoke Mall.

His taste in tunes runs to classic rock.

Joyce is his mom. Peter is his pop. He has a brother, Chris, a senior at Springfield College and a former outstanding three-sport athlete for the Brownies.

Brian says he looks up to both his father and brother.

When his days are done at AHS, Brian says he'd



BRIAN CHECHILE

like to be remembered as a good kid who was liked by everyone.

Baseball Coach Pete Clark, in his pre-season preview of the team, noted that Brian, because of his experience, was a team leader, a good contact hitter, and also played his position well.

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Boys' Tennis Versus S. Hadley...

## Despite 5-0 Loss, Coach Spear Sees Encouraging Signs

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' tennis team fell, 5-0, to visiting South Hadley Tuesday afternoon. Despite the loss and an 0-5 record, Brownie Coach Bill Spear saw some encouraging signs from his kids.

His first singles player, junior Mike Federico, fell 7-5, 6-3. "This is Mike's first year in competitive high school tennis and he's showing quite well," the coach noted.

Sophomore Adam Rovithis went down, 6-2, 6-3 in second singles.

Third singles saw another sophomore, Colin Murray, fall, 6-0, 6-3. "Colin has to find more concentration, because when he keeps his head in the game, Colin plays very well," Coach Spear commented.

The first doubles team of Ryan Lepard and Mike Kirk, both juniors, lost a tough one, 6-4, 6-4. "Both of them displayed good net games. They have to get used to playing together, which will come in time," Spear said.

The second doubles team, consisting of senior Mike Krapf and junior Ryan Hanley, lost their first set, 6-1, and then went down in a tough second-set tiebreaker.

Spear said he was pleased with most of the things he saw. "They are fun to coach; a bunch of fine kids who fight for their points. They'll get better."

*Brownies Defeat Holyoke & East Longmeadow...*

## Girl's Softball Continues To Roll

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

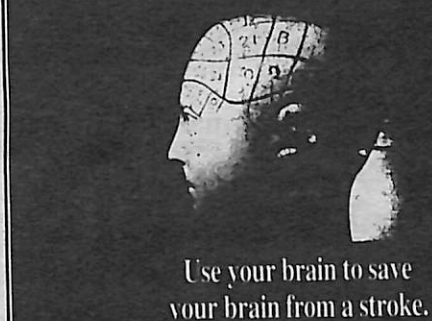
The Agawam High girls' softball team is on a roll reminiscent of their glory days.

On Monday, behind the four-hit, four-strikeout pitching of sophomore Kate Ludwig and a homerun off the bat of junior Amanda Merola, they downed visiting Holyoke, 4-1, for their seventh straight win against no losses.

On Tuesday, they were on the road at East Longmeadow and handled the Spartans to the tune of 7-3. Junior Danielle Bachini was solid on the mound for the 8-0 Brownies. Junior Caitlyn Conte banged out three hits. Tiff Blackman had a couple, as did Amanda Merola. East Longmeadow didn't help their cause, committing five errors, which led to five unearned Agawam runs.

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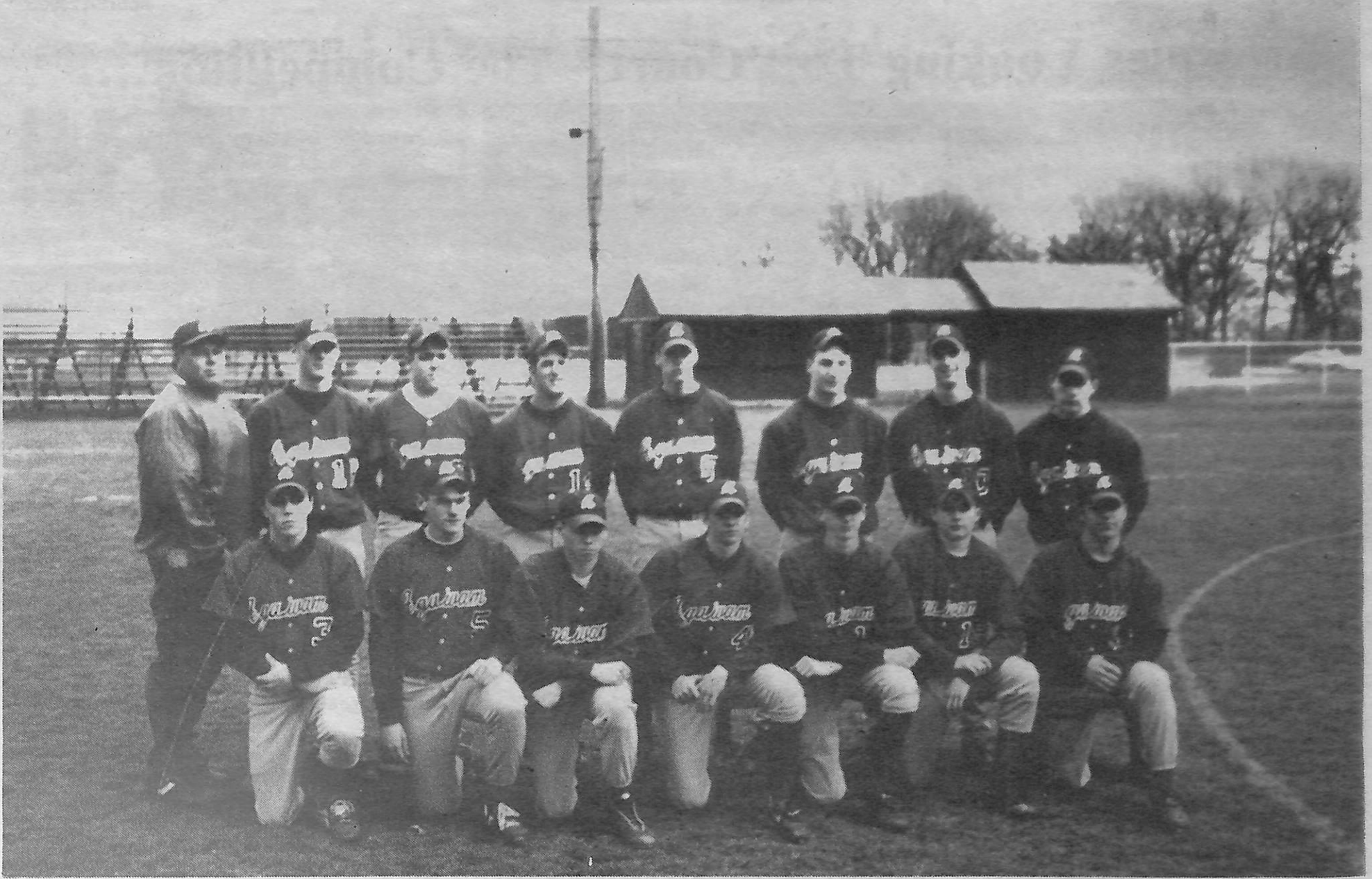
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## Brownies Looking To "Court" The Competition...



IN LEFT PHOTO: Agawam High School's boys' varsity tennis team: Back row: Coach Bill Spear, Ryan Hanley, Geoff Cartello, Colin Murray, Mike Kirk, and Fernando Nunez. Front row: Adam Rovithis, Myungsuk Ro, Jared Hamre, Mike Federico, and Ryan Lepard. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Coach Spear with team captain Mike Kirk. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

### Girls' Varsity Tennis...

## Brownies Clobber Commerce, Lose To Ludlow High

On Monday, April 24th, the Agawam High School girls' varsity tennis team thoroughly dominated their opponents from the High School of Commerce in Springfield, 5-0.

In first singles, Liz Stieg of AHS didn't work up too much of a sweat by way of her 6-0, 6-0 victory of Lasharie Randall. Stieg had control of the match the entire time and totally frustrated Randall.

Jen Jutte, normally a doubles player for the Brownies, was asked to fill the second singles slot versus Anna Gage Martin, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4. According to AHS's coach, Mary Wolochowicz, "Jutte had quite the awakening during this match, as the lines are much more restrictive in singles competition and there is a lot more running. Her opponent played a terrific match, which made this one the one to watch."

In third singles, Kristen Berry continued the Brownies' winning streak with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Song Lee. Berry played well in her debut match, and she kept her composure in the gusty winds to pull out her first win.

Lisa Niedziela and Emily Morton of AHS were victorious in first doubles action, as they downed the Commerce duo of Cinderella Abdallah/Jessica Gibbs, 6-0, 6-1. The Agawam girls moved up from second doubles on this day. During their match, according to Wolochowicz, "They had moments of brilliance, and other moments when they realized they still had much to learn."

In second couples, Brittany Shields/Kat Demetron faced Jessica McFar/Angela Pruds, with the Brownies coming out on top, 6-4, 6-2. The Commerce team was less experienced, and Shields/Demetron played well in this match.

On Thursday, April 20th, the Brownies fared poorly against Ludlow, 0-5.

Kaitlin White, in first singles, fell to Jen Genovevo, 2-6, 5-7. Both of these girls played well, and the score does not reflect the quality of the match. What's more, White fought hard to get the second set to 5-7.

In second singles, Liz Stieg was the victim of Melissa Santos, 0-6, 0-6. The Ludlow athlete played a consistent game and took control from the beginning. Stieg, unfortunately, never had a chance to get her rhythm.

Jen Leupo of AHS was beaten by Alicia Fidalgo, 4-6, 1-6, in third singles action. This match belonged to Fidalgo. Leupo tried really hard, but she didn't have the strokes that her opponent had.

In first doubles, Kelly Webb/Jen Jutte of AHS were defeated by Jessica Vital/Michelle Zina, 1-6, 4-6. The Brownie duo played well, but any mistake was fatal with the net play of the Ludlow twosome.

Experience was the key in second singles, as Lisa Niedziela/Emily Morton lost to their Ludlow rivals, Allison Butler/Jill Krystofik, 2-6, 3-6. The Agawam girls just did not have the experience of Butler/Krystofik, and they could not get their attack going.



KELLY WEBB AND KAITLIN WHITE, co-captains of this year's girls' varsity tennis team at Agawam High School, with Coach Mary Wolochowicz. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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## In Boys' Suburban Basketball...

## A.B.O. 7th- And 8th-Graders Win Title

The Agawam Basketball Organization seventh- and eighth-grade boys' have completed a very successful season. They finished the regular season with a 15-1 record.

Then came the playoffs. In the first round, the opponent would be Williamsburg. Leading by only 31-25 at the half, Agawam pulled away in the second half for a 67-44 win. Eight different players scored for Agawam, led by Matt Michalak (12 points), Steve Santinello (11 points), Tom DeCosmo (10 points), Ryan Pellerin (nine points), and Chris Perry (nine points).

In the semis, the Agawam boys were out of sync and found themselves trailing Southampton, 29-24, at halftime. Again, Agawam had a big second half, outscoring their opponents from Southampton, 39-14, en route to a 63-43 win.

Matt Michalak sparked the comeback with 11 points and several steals, most of them in the second half. Tom DeCosmo led Agawam with 13 points, followed by Chris Perry (with 10 points) and Steve Santinello (adding eight points).

In the finals, Agawam B.O. defeated Agawam A.A., 60-31. Kevin Olbrych led the winners with 16 points, followed by Tom DeCosmo (12 points), Chris Perry (eight points), and Steve Santinello (eight points).

Other key members throughout the season were Andrew Wakelee, John Gibbons, Kurt Schebel, Kevin Malloch, Joe McGeoghan, and Justin Perry.

This team showed a lot of character, having been hit with many injuries during the season, including losing leading scorer, leading rebounder, and leading shot blocker Justin Perry to a season-ending injury on February 4th (torn ligaments in his ankle).

The team also lost in the CYO finals, finishing 30-3 for the overall winter.

Coaches Fred Perry, Mike Pellerin, John Wakelee, and John Gibbons would like to thank all of the players and their parents for the hard work and dedication that was shown throughout the year. Thanks again!



THE MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Basketball Organization seventh- and eighth-grade boys team: back row — Coach John Gibbons, Justin Perry, Steve Santinello, Chris Perry, and Coach John Wakelee; middle row — John Gibbons, Andrew Wakelee, Tom DeCosmo, and Coach Fred Perry; front row — Coach Mike Pellerin, Matt Michalak, Kevin Malloch, Kevin Olbrych, Ryan Pellerin, and Joe McGeoghan. (Missing from photo: Kurt Schebel.)

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## Daggett's Men Take Gymnastic Regionals At UMass

Daggett Gymnastics produced two Regional champions and five other Men's Junior Olympic National qualifiers at the New England-New York Regional meet held recently at UMass.

Success still follows Patrick McFarlin of Longmeadow since his win at the T.D.N.I. and his second at States. Now he can add Class 1 Regional champion to his list. An outstanding 9.70 Pommel Horse score and a 9.30 Vault score, taking individual firsts, were followed by three seconds on Floor, Parallel Bars, and High Bar. These together with Rings totaled 54.45 in All-Around scoring and captured first place.

Jamey Houle, also from Longmeadow and a fellow Daggett athlete, alternated with McFarlin to take the firsts in the Parallel Bars and High Bar events with 9.60 and 9.55 scores, respectively. These scores, together with strong showings in Rings and Pommel Horse, helped him capture second place with an All-Around 53.45 total.

Another Daggett Class 1 athlete, Zachary Rimler of Rockville, CT, took ninth place in All-Around, which qualified him for Nationals with McFarlin and Houle. Rimler's best events proved to be Vault and High Bar, where his 9.10 and 8.00 earned him two sixths.

Dan Messier, another member of Daggett's Class 1 team, came in 15th.

The Class 2 competitors did nearly as well. R.J. Heflin of Norfolk nearly swept the meet with firsts on Floor, Pommel Horse, Rings, Vault, and in the All-Around. Heflin earned three scores over nine, including a 9.55 on Pommel.

Alan Parsons of Suffield, CT, grabbed first on the High Bar and followed closely in the remaining events. Ultimately, he captured third in the All-Around with a 48.75 total. Both he and Heflin also qualified for Nationals.

The Class 3 competition was broken up, with the 12-13 age group competing first on Saturday. Mike Marino of Ellington, CT, earned two third places (on Rings and High Bar), scoring an 8.15 and an 8.0. These helped him keep third place in the All-Around.

Mark Parzych of Springfield also scored well on Vault, taking second with a 9.0 and seventh in All-Around with a 47.14. Mark's total also beat the qualifying score for Nationals.

On Sunday, Drew Ignoto competed with the Class 3, age 14-15 year-old group. He earned first place on Still Rings, scoring 7.5, and seconds on Pommel Horse and Parallel Bars.

The Regional Meet is the highest level of competition allowed for the Class 4-6 boys. Daggett's had one athlete in Class 4 with Darren Parzych of Springfield. Darren proved himself with a first on Vault with an 8.75, and two thirds on Floor and High Bar.

In Class 6, Kyle Leveault of Southwick represented the team well with a 9.2 Parallel Bars routine, placing third, and a very high 51.50 All-Around for fifth place.

## Softball Clinic Slated For Saturday, April 29th, At Agawam High

An Agawam Softball Clinic will take place this Saturday, April 29th, at Agawam High School.

The fee is \$12, and the clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The "clinicians" will be the present members of the Agawam High School softball team, as well as AHS varsity softball head Coach Debbie Lickley.

Coaches will be available to attend the players' clinic at various times throughout the morning. Participants should bring a glove, sweats, and indoor/outdoor footwear. (No metal cleats, please!)

The schedule of events for the clinic goes as follows:

- \* Registration: 8:30 to 9:00 a.m., Agawam High School (fields two and three).

- \* Welcome: 9:00 to 9:15 a.m., Agawam High School.

- \* Warm-up and conditioning: 9:15 to 9:30 a.m.

- \* Everyone — position session, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (pitchers, catchers, infielders, outfielders); group skills, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. (hitting, bunting, fielding, catching, throwing).

- \* Situation play and game play for everyone, 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

- \* Final warm-up, 12:00 noon.

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At Oak Ridge On June 6th...

## American Lung Assoc. Schedules 9th Annual Golf Tournament

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts has announced that its Ninth Annual Six Flags Clean Air Classic Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, June 6th at Oak Ridge Golf Club in Feeding Hills.

Registration for the tournament will be at 10:30 a.m., lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., and there will be a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The registration fee per player is \$125, which includes everything - a day of golf, cart, lunch, dinner, and prizes. There are several opportunities for corporate sponsorship as well.

Donald Rheault, chairperson of the tournament, said, "This is our opportunity to help the American Lung Association raise funds for its asthma education and research programs while we have a great day of golf at the same time. We are also very pleased that Six Flags of Agawam has agreed to be our major sponsor again this year."

Rheault added, "Where asthma education and research are concerned, the sooner we find the causes and cure, the better. The incidence of asthma and lung disease is rising faster than any other chronic condition in this country."

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This tournament sold out last year, so interested players are encouraged to register early. Maximum number of players is 144. To register or for more information on the Six Flags Clean Air Classic Golf Tournament, please call the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts at (413) 737-3506 or 1-800-LUNG-USA.

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## Liz Christian Finishes Rookie Season For Women's Diving Team

Bate College rookie Liz Christian of Agawam has completed her first season as a member of the Bates diving team.

Throughout the regular diving season, Christian competed in both the one-meter and three-meter competitions. The best score she received for the one-meter dive was 171.90 (six dives), and for the three-meter dive her best was 187.65 (six dives).

The 2000 Bates women's swimming and diving team finished 6-3 in the regular season. The Bobcats produced their best finish ever at the New England Division III championships, placing sixth overall, just 3.5 points out of fifth. Head coach Dana Mulholland was rewarded with New England Coach of the Year honors for the second time.

Bates also had seven individuals receive All-New England honors, including performances in the 200- and 400-yard medley relay and 800-yard freestyle relay. In addition, two rookie swimmers qualified for Nationals. Overall, the Bobcats set five school records during the 2000 season.

Christian is a 1999 graduate of Loomis Chaffee. She is the daughter of Jim & Judy Christian, 78 Valentine Street, Agawam.

*In Collegiate Women's Lacrosse...*

## Amy Bilodeau Part Of Bentley's Victories

On Thursday evening, April 19th, Bentley College defeated Merrimack College, 16-11, in a Northeast-10 women's lacrosse game at Bentley's Athletic Field. As of that date, the Falcons had won five consecutive contests.

Among those who contributed to Bentley's victory was junior Amy Bilodeau of Agawam, a graduate of Agawam High School. She had three goals for the evening versus Merrimack.

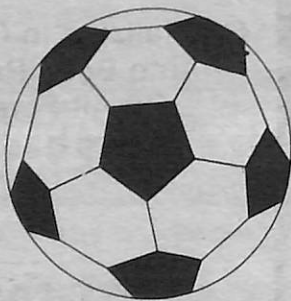
On Monday afternoon, April 24th, Bilodeau scored a game-high three goals as Bentley defeated St. Michael's College, 7-4.

With this, their 10th win of the year, the Falcons continue to enjoy a fine second season of women's lacrosse.

## Pioneer Valley And In-Town

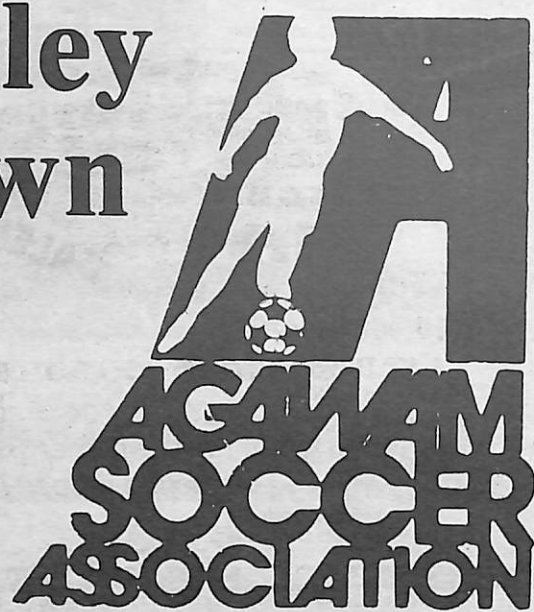
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## In Tri-Parish Bowling Action...

## Notre Dame Takes Four Points From Catholic University To Win Round Four Championship

On Monday, April 17th, Notre Dame won the fourth round of the Tri-Parish Bowling League to qualify for the last roll-off spot by taking four points from Catholic University. It was all ND in this match; three of the four team members rolled better than 300.

Maybeth "Miss Consistent" Coughlin had a 120 single and a 316 series; Cori "Lefty" Napolitan hit a 135 single and a 343 series; and Flo "Rocky" Rochford had a 315 for a neat team total of 1,505.

Kathy "Big Cat" Burlingham was the whole story for CU, running off a 345 series (which included a 130 single), but in a losing cause.

Being a position night, St. Mary (in third place) bowled against Holy Cross (in fourth place). St. M ran all over HC, winning by 155 pins.

Don "Reb" Stitt led the team with a 353 series; sub anchor Paula "Wild Thing" Burke added a 341; and Mary "Not Marlo" Thomas had a big night, too, rolling a 344. The team had a scratch average of 107. (That means every string for all four bowlers was over 100, and that's awesome!)

For HC, anchor Ron "The Don" Menard hit a 315 (not his best effort), but he needed a 400-plus to get even close. St. Mary ended up in second place for the round, jumping over CU.

Fordham (fifth place) had steady bowling from the whole team to bury St. Louis (sixth place), 4-0. This raised F'ham to fourth place for the round.

For F'ham, lead-off bowler Donna "Big D" Kosinski ran off a stellar 300 series (coming in with a first string 115 single).

Anchor "Jolly" Olly Muldrew could only

manage a 317 and lost to Glen "Not Sam" Adams' average of 321. ("Not Sam" didn't bowl, so his team had to take his real average, less five, for each string.)

The battle for last place went to Boston College, who won 3-1 over Georgetown (which caused the two teams to end in a tie for points). The next deciding criterion was pinfall, and BC had a 309-pin advantage.

For BC, Roger "Rabbit" Josephson got his battery semi-charged and hit a 302 to go with Betsy "Loaded" Cannon, who unloaded a 330 and carried the team.

For G'town, "Mighty" Debbie Poirier had a terrible night to show you can't be mighty all the time, rolling a lowly 257 with a 77 single (ow-w-w). G'town finished last in the final two rounds (double ow-w-w).

The fourth-round final standings are as follows:

Notre Dame	22-10
St. Mary	20-12
Catholic Univ.	19½-12½
Fordham	17½-14½
Holy Cross	14-18
St. Louis	13-19
Boston College	11-21
Georgetown	11-21

On Monday, April 24th, Catholic University, St. Mary, Fordham, and Notre Dame "rolled off," with a three-string total pinfall and handicap deciding the champion for the 1999-2000 season. (The results of this contest will be published next week.)

*Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays.*

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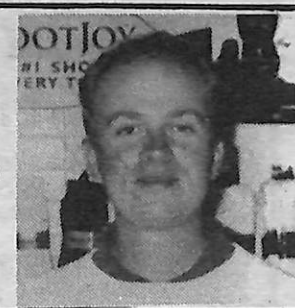
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## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### Coming Soon To A River Near You!!

It's not too early to start thinking about digging through the tackle box and dusting off the shad darts. The annual run of shad will start very soon.

In fact, there are some shad in the river right now, but the water level is too high right now. Over the next week, there will be some of the "buck" or male shad in the stretch above the Enfield dam.

By the second week of May, there should be numbers of these "poor man's salmon" in both the main body and the tributaries of the Connecticut River.

Along with the shad comes the king of game fish — the Atlantic salmon. The Atlantic salmon are completely protected in the Connecticut River system and its tributaries. Accidental catches occur every year, especially by shad fishermen.

Be sure to carefully unhook and release the fish immediately. If this can be accomplished without removing the fish from the water, so much the better. Those of us who have had the thrill of a hard-fighting silver acrobat on their line, will know that whatever we must do to restore these fish will be worth it.

Another bonus to be found in the Connecticut River happens during the blueback herring run. This usually occurs about midway through the shad run. These smaller cousins of the shad are not the real bonus. The stripped bass that follow the schools of herring from the ocean are the real prize.

## Spfld. Turnverein Slates First "Open Fishing Derby"

The Springfield Turnverein will sponsor its first "Open Fishing Derby" on Sunday morning, May 7th, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Admission is \$15, and lunch will be provided. It is open to adults, children, and whole families. Howard Sawyer and Jim Hadden are in charge of the event. They will be offering prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25.

The Fishing Derby will be held on the grounds of the Springfield Turnverein at 176 Garden Street in Feeding Hills. In order to provide the best fishing conditions for the fishermen, advance ticket reservations are requested. Call Howard at 568-0364, Jim at 786-5202, or the Turnverein at 786-0928 as early as possible.

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The stripers come upstream, following their favorite food source. They usually congregate at the base of the dam just outside of the fast water. The action can be fast and furious, as the stripers slash their way through schools of herring. We're not just talking schoolie stripers, either! Some very respectable fish have been taken over the last few years.

### A NICE CATCH

While fishing the Tobacco Valley Bass Anglers Tournament on the Congamond Lakes, Steve Wornecki landed the lunker of the day with an 8¾-pound largemouth. Congratulations on a great fish, Steve.

By the way, I hear that the bass is still swimming around Congamond, as Steve released his trophy fish after the weigh-in.

### FISH REPORT

Kurt over at Saunders Marina on Congamond Lakes was all smiles as he spoke of the good bass fishing there. Some really nice largemouth (like the one in the picture accompanying this column) have been taken — and released — by local anglers. Despite the fishing pressure, Congamond keeps producing some great fishing.

Hampton Ponds is also putting out some nice bass. The trout action has switched to a little deeper water, as the increased boat traffic makes them seek a deeper sanctuary. Try trolling in the 12- to 16-foot segment of the water column.

The Connecticut River is almost over its banks with all the recent rain, and although there are some shad in the river, the water is much too high and fast. A few calm days with no rain should do wonders for the water level and the water clarity.

### SALT WATER

The party boats that have managed to get out have been doing quite well with cod. A mixture of cod and hake are being taken by the boats in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and the Cape.

The Old Saybrook to Deep River stretches of the river are still high and fast, but there are reports that some larger schoolie stripers are beginning to move inland.

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## What A Mouth!



STEVE WORNECKI landed an 8¾-pound largemouth during the Tobacco Valley Bass Anglers Tournament on the Congamond Lakes.

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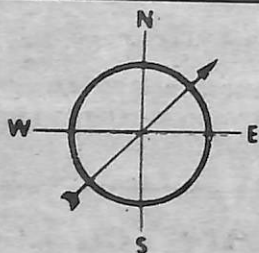
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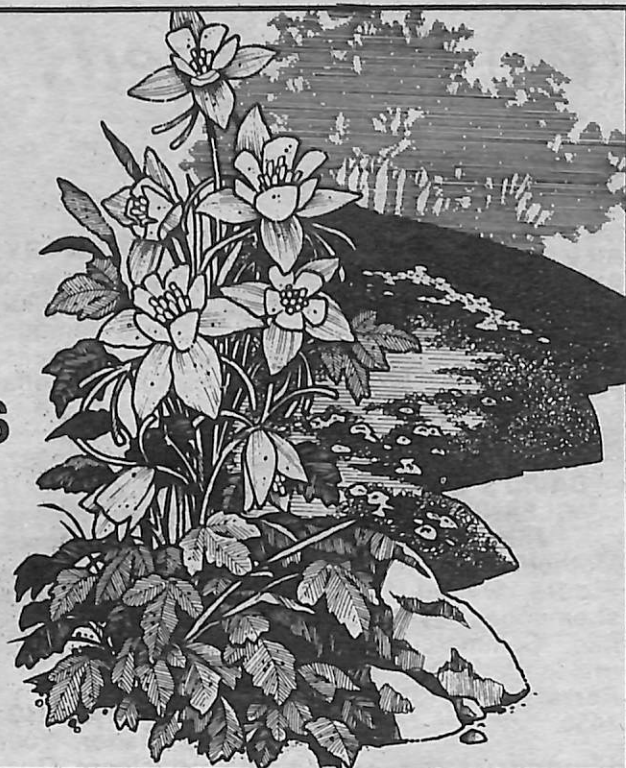
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